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Leyland gets £50m loan from NEB to stay afloat

The National Enterprise Board is giving British Leyland a loan of £50m to ease a serious cash problem. The loan effectively to pay wages and ceep the company afloat, has been made from the decision was taken this morning after the Japanese Cabinet was informed that the terrorists would begin to kill noney earmarked for Leyland's capital investnent programme. The decision has been lescribed as a scandal by an Opposition spokesnan and a major row seems likely.

Row likely on drain of investment funds

British Leyland is being given 150m cash injection to ease 3 serious cash flow crisis. Iffectively the money is needed o pay the wages and keep the 150mpany afloar.

The decision yesterday by he National Enterprise Board o provide the £50m loan folows approval by Mr Varley, lecretary of State for Industry. The loan is expected to prooke a major political rowince the money is part of the
100m announced earlier this
lear by the NEB to provide
upport for the company's capital investment programme. investment programme. Mr Michael Grylls, MP for

surrey, NW and vice chairman f the Conservative Industry committee, described the deciion as "a scandal". He said
hat he was writing immediately
o Mr Varley and would demand full statement as soon as Par--tament reassembled.

a lt is a scandal that money ich has been approved by arliament for capital investent is now being used to keep e company affort and to pay ages. Parliament is entitled a full explanation of this cision", he said. Only last week Mr Leslie

Only last week in which week, urphy, chearman of the NEB, sued a warning that the comшу would not be bailed out it failed to raise its share the money required for e investment programme-tably the development of the

w Mini.
But he did add that this couaint would not be applied to sh difficulties resulting from _rike action among component mpanies.

It was the recent spate of rikes among component.

lest tranche. The 11-week strike by Lucas okroom workers was resolved stated.
The This month but it led to pre than 18,000 workers of izland Cars being laid off id British Leyland's position

now very grave.
The NEB has stressed peatedly that further money support the company's ravestent programme would be additional on the board being tisfied that progress on dustrial relations reform was sing maintained. But the commy is still faced with the

prospect of another strike by 3,000 "rebel" tooltoom workers at the end of next month in support of demands for separate wage bargaining machinery. However, 9,000 workers employed in the group's truck and bus division yesterday voted by a narrow majority to end their two-week strike over

At the same time senior executives of the company were in discussions with national union leaders, including Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and Mr Moss Evans, secretary designate of the Transport & General Workers' Union, over proposals for a radical reshaping of wase for a radical reshaping of wage bargaining procedures.

Some progress appears to have been made and the worsening financial situation may influence union attitudes towards the reform of Plant bargaining procedures,

But time is running out for British Leyland. By the middle of November the NEB expects to be considering revised development plans produced by the company. Unless much-sought-after reform of industrial relations leading to improved production, Leyland is unlikely to survive in its present. to survive in its presentf orm.
That much was underlined by Mr Murphy yesterday who made clear that no other money would be forebooming to support work-

ing capital renuirements.

The question of releasing any, further sums within the upon the view we take of British Levland's forward plans in November and progress on industrial relations reforms. I must stress that the future size rikes among component of Leyland will definitely ppliers which the NEB has depend upon how successful it ed as justification for the is and whether the management and workforce of the company

can perform satisfactorily", he The NEB said that the £50m loan would be repaid at 134 per cent.

It was being emphasized last night that the Mini programme was not being stopped nor was it being frozen Last night a spokesman for British Leyland said: "We would have dearly loved to have used the money for forward

investment. That is when we are here for—but we need it for working capital."

Minister resigns over surrender to hijackers
From Peter Hazelhurst

Bowing to the demands of Red Army terrorists, the Japanese Government decided today to hand over seven jailed radical prisoners, two common criminals and \$6m (\$3.5m) in ransom money to five hijackers who have threatened to murder 146 hostiges on board a Japanese DCS airliner at Dacca airnort.

the passengers starting with an American banker-if their demands were not met by a deadline set of 6 pm (CMT)

The Cabinet decided at a further emergency meeting tonight—four hours before the deadline in Dacca expired-that deadine in Dacca expired—that it would not be able to fly the nine prisoners from Tokyo to Bangladesh until tomorrow. At the earliest the nine prisoners will leave Tokyo tomorrow at 4 am—10 hours after the Dacca deadline.

Mr Hajime Fukuda, the Minister of Instina submitted.

Minister of Justice, submitted his resignation tonight, accept-ing responsibility for "a situa-tion where prisoners are being



This Canadian landscape by Prince Andrew is among 50 works of art by past and present members of the Royal Family which will be on public show in the Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle where prisoners are being continued on page 8, col 3 from tomorrow until October 9.

Grunwick strikers seek to start new bout of mass picketing

By Robert Parker

The 13-month-old Grunwick dispute, in which there has been a lull for the past few weeks, came to life again yes-

The strike committee, in a decision that surprised many people, including union leaders, decided to organize daily mass picketing again from October 17.

The committee yesterday sent out nearly 1,000 letters and tolegrams asking trade unionists throughout the country for full support.

The committee's decision, which was made without conwhich was made without con-sultation with the Association of Professional, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), repre-senting the 91 Strikers, came after a meeting of the TUC General Council on Wednes-

day.
There was what one member "a revolt from the against Mr Len Murray's soft line on bracking public services, such as the post, water and electricity, to Grun-

Mr Jack Jones, of the Tr port and General Workers' Union, Mr Hugh Scanlon, of the Amalgamated Union of En-gineering Workers, Mr Kenneth General Workers' Gill, the AEUW's Technical, Administrative and Supervi-sory Section, and Mr. Alan Sapper, of the Association of Cine metograph. Television and Allied Technicians, in partic ular, pushed for a stronger

That was reflected in the general council's decision to ask the union executives inrolved, such as the Union of Post Office Workers, to do all that they could.

Mr Kamlesh Gandhi, chairman of the strike committee, said that even if the service unions started blacking before

October 17, a mass picket

more of a celebration than a demonstration, and would be held probably for only one day. Government are particularly Mr Roy Grantham, the gen-ral secretary of Apex, who or illegal blacking, because of the effect it could have on Labour's chances in a sudden

wir Roy Grantham, the general secretary of Apex, who was surprised by yesterday's picket decision, has so far been reluctant to ask other union leaders to black public services because such action is illegal. The Union of Poer illegal. The Union of Post Office Workers has given a court undertaking not to inter-fere with mail to Grunwick.

Mr Grantham, in a meeting arranged a week ago, will talk to the strike committee this morning. He has not favoured a renewal of mass picketing, partly because it does not achieve the objective of beat-ing Grunwick, and partly because it results in adverse public opinion.

mass picketing in June, Mr Grantham was summoned before Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, to be told of the Government's concern, and as a result of that meeting, Mr. Grandson telephoned Mr. David McNee, the Metropolitan plans have been morning thereafter to inform

The strike committee decision is also a result of its fears pany says it can deal with in-that the official trade union coming and outgoing post. that the official trade union movement has not done all it should to get Grunwick to accept the Scarman report, which said the dismissed workers should be reinstated.

The decision to starr picketing again was endorsed later
by Brent Trades Council,
which has been advising the
Grunwick strikers. The souththe TUC is expected soon to issue a statement that there can be no question of letting the dispute peter out in defeat. An important question is whether Apex will decide to back the mass picket, which

Backing for Concorde by US appeal court The appeal court's favourable

New York, Sept 29

The Concorde another legal hurdle today in its battle to be allowed to use John F. Kennedy international irport in New York. A federal appeals court upheld last month's decision of a lower court that the New York Port Authority, which controls the airport, is being unreasonably slow and obstructive in failing to set noise standards for the Anglo-French supersonic air-

The appeals court ordered that the airport's ban on Concorde should be lifted in three weeks' time. Within that period, however, the Port Authority is almost certain to make a faceh appeal. make a fresh appeal, possibly to the Supreme Court. Flights cannot begin until the seemingly inexhaustible legal procedures are completed.

Today's ruling, written by Chief Judge Irving Kaufman, stated that Concorde should be allowed to use Kennedy airport on the same terms as it is now allowed into Dulles airport, Washington.

difficult to cut off because residents in the area would also be affected) and the com-New York could, it said, set its own non-discriminatory noise standard for all aircraft, but in the absence of these it ought to comply with Federal standards. Lust week President Carter announced that Concorde would be allowed to operate out of New York and 12 other American airports at its present noise level.

Concorde can meet the present noise standard at Kennedy for older aircraft and groups of residents in the airport area The Post Office has started have criticized the Port Authority for being laggard in an inquiry into the disappear-ance of post addressed to the home of Mr William Whitlock, setting new standards for super-sonic jets. Their criticism and anger will grow more shrill as a result of today's ruling, and demonstrations of opposition to the airliner are likely. Labour MP for Nomingham, North A few of the letters were found in a garden a quarter of a mile away.

ruling was expected after the tone of Judge Kaufman's remarks at the hearing last week. He said: "I cannot help but have the feeling that the Port Authority dose not want to come to grice with this thing. It come to grips with this thing. It is a question of putting it off as long as you can because of tre-mendous pressure."

He reiterated this feeling more forcibly in his ruling yesterday. "To this day the Port Authority has demonstrated total resistance in responding to the airlines? (Reitsh Airways to the airlines' (British Airways and Air France) desire to secure a fair test of their air-craft in New York.

"Moreover, it is plain from its public statements that the Authority has no intention to resolve this critical issue in the foreseeable future. We cannot countenance such abdication." John Young writes: Welcoming the decision last night, British Airways said in London that the way now seemed clear to start scheduled services, in association with Air France, in late November.

The immediate plan discuss with the New York Port Authority and the Federa Aviation Authority a schedule for proving flights, which were necessary before scheduled services could begin. Such proving flights would be jointly operated by the two airlines and the manufacturers.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Laker Airways is to be allowed to operate two Skytrain services a day next summer between London and New York. But only one of the aircraft will be a DC10. The other will be a Boeing 707. The Civil Aviation Authority announced yesterday that it had

decided to remove the fre-quency restriction from Laker's heence, since it was now super-fluous in view of the airline's

Survey finds old heads on younger shoulders

By Alan Hamilton The young generation of to-

day is less interesting than has been supposed, judging from a survey conducted by a London advertising agency. The 800 young people who took part revealed themselves as consertheir lot, and outstandingly dull. British youth is predomingets on well with its parents, has little truck with fringe polispends its money on ice cream, chips, alcohol and consumer durables, and believes that health, humour and honesty are more important than being

beautiful, slim or rich. The McCann-Erickson agency, which interviewed a representa-rive national sample between the ages of 10 and 25, concludes that the results overturn widely held misconceptions that young people are fun-loving, unconcerned and discontented.

Miss Ann Burdus, the agen-cy's vice-chairman, said in London yesterday that she felt her future was in good hands. One "Young people are more boring than we think".

Those interviewed were mostly satisfied with their education. The least content were older schoolgirls, who thought their schooling only fair or worse; schoolboys were much happier with their tuition, and most students in higher education thought it was good or excellent. The agency, which has conducted similar surveys on he Continent, found the British more content with their education than anyone clse in

The cherished image of the young overthrowing the estab-lished political order is also demolished. Only 5 per cent of the sample said they would tote for a minority political party; the rest would either stick with the three main par-ties, or not vote at all, or had no ideas on the subject.

Old-fashioned attitudes predominated on many social questions. The young are questions. The young are apparently intolerant of the unemployed, the majority thinking that those out of work could find a job if they really tried, and that in spite of onetenth of those interviewed be-ing themselves without work.

More than half thought that hanging should be brought back, and almost all were in favour of stiffer penalties for terrorists and hijackers, of more restrictions on immigration, and of a reduction in aid to developing countries.

There were liberal views on most expected to get married, well over half said that divorce was not only morally right, but that they could see themselves indulging in it in suitable circumstances. Almost three quarters thought that extramarital sex was right.

Artitudes on other moral questions were tougher: most thought it wrong to smoke marijuana, travel on buses without paying, or steal. Almost half said that it was wrong to smoke cigarettes and that they would not do so.

The moral fibre weakens a little when it comes to stealing from the Government; although only 17 per cent thought it wrong to avoid paying tax, well over a third thought they might do so at some stage.

MPs indict waste of public cash Pat Heady, and

: lui Roper

Scandalously high sums are ing wasted because control of blic expenditure has slipped by from Parliament, Mr. ward du Cant, MP, chairman the influential all-party munitee of Public Accounts, director for d yesterday. He was speaking at a press

nference to introduce a port disclosing that 111m was ent last year to correct the ginal design of Liverpool aching Hospital, that a nilar sum was overpaid on ial security benefits and that Non was being spent on job wires that did not reach the pple who most needed help-It is my ambition and deter-nation that parliamentary arol is restored and furtherre that it is effective in the ional interest", Mr du Cann d. "It is now orgent that the spage should be arrested." the report, the penultimate for the 1976-77 session, the health frice, social security and ployment. It is critical of the departments possible.

on social security, the report 110.8m was overpaid in 5-76; compared with film in 9-70, when the committee looked at the subject. The ease was due mainly to ation in the intervening supplementary benefits and m to national insurance efits, the report says. raud or suspected fraud by mants was responsible for

payments of £2.6m. £2.9m attributed to mistakes by mants, and 552m to other ses, including official error. ing 1976, just over 19,000 recutions had been comcent of cases. The main oce was drawing benefit e working he report adds: "Although

overpayments in absolute

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Move to stop neutron bomb defeated out the intense heat and explo-

The American House of Representatives defeated a move by opponents of the neutron bomb to exclude it from an Energy Development Bill. The vote, 297 to 109 came after an emotional debate during which opponents of the weapon argued that its deployment in Europe would make nuclear war more likely. The neutron bomb is designed to kill troops by radiation with

Nine seek trade talks with China

The EEC has taken the first step towards the opening of talks on closer trade relations with China. The move comes after the decision of the EEC and Comecon to begin formal talks on cooperation. The European Commission has been encouraged to seek a negotiating mandate from the Nine by Chna's strong interest in a trade agreement with the EEC. The aim of the negotiations would be the conclusion of a five-year agreement Page 6

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sive power of conventional nuclear weapons. The anti-neutron move took the form of an amendment proposed by Democrats which would have barred funds for it from the Bill, which provides for an unspecified amount of money for initial production of neutron artillery shells and warheads Page 8

impasse over radioactivity

The Windscale inquiry into the building of a £600m nuclear fuel reprocessing plant reached an impasse when two of the main participants disagreed over the threat of a radioactivity acci-dent. The Political Ecology Group said the plant would be a greater potential hazard than a nuclear reactor. British Nuclear Fuels, which wishes to build the plant, regards the type of accident suggested by the group as involving an in-credible set of circumstances

on The Muppet Show (ATV tonight); John Percival on Northern Thiztre Ballet ; William Mann on Toussaint (Coliscum); Irving Wardle on Bubbling Brown Sugar (Royalty Theatre)

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Warning by DPP over poem The Director of Public Prosecu-

tions gave a warning of possible prosecution if the blaphemous prosecution if the diaphemous poem "The love that dares to speak its name" is published again. The DPP recently received a copy of a circular which called on radical publishers and others to reproduce the poem Page 4

£8,300 paid for bottle of wine A bottle of Château Lafite, 1806

vintage, was sold at Christie's for £8,300, the highest price ever paid for wine. It went to an American buyer Page 2 Cricket actions: Tony Greig disclosed that he had an agreement to join Mr Kerry Packer's end of his cricketing career 2 Spain: Catolonia is to be granted home rule under a royal decree enacted by the

Spanish Cabinet

Share commissions: The Office of Fair Trading may refer the fixed commissions charged by Stock Exchange brokers and jobbers to the Restrictive Prac-Business News, pages 20-29 Brock markets: Equifies

ground on pay worries and the FT Index closed 4.1 lower at FT Index closed 4.1 lower at 515.4; Gilts rallied from early losses on sterling's strength.

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Tax reforms seen as lure for the Liberal voter

From Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Brighton

If Apex, the TUC and the Government do not support the picketing, the strikers and pickets will find themselves far more isolated than they did before. But even if the TUC said publicly it was opposed to mass picketing a simple was

mass picketing, a sizable pro-

portion of the general council

would not agree and would

probably show their feelings that "something ought to be

Although Mr George Ward,

the Grunwick managing director, did not want to comment

yesterday on the new picket threat, the company feels able

It has already withstood two

weeks of picketing, and has arranged to deal with a black-

ing of public services. A large generator has been bought,

The busy season for Grun-

wick is past, however, and will not start again until the sun of

MP's missing

to survive further pressure.

The Liberal assembly yesterday came a stage nearer to approving the plans of Mr John Pardoe, the party's economics spokesman, for abolishing income tax and transferring taxation from the worker to the employer by means of a payroll tax. A final report from the party's taxation committee will be ready " in not less than three months".

Introducing an interim report in his usual flamboyam style, Mr Pardoe stated that the present tax system in Britain was a mess and that the chief thing wrong was the high bur-den borne by income tax.

But perhaps the best comment on the radical proposals for the and social security system came from a fellow MP, Mr Richard Wainwright. "Keep the peasants quier with gifts and material blessings, and then they won't get up to democratic mischief", he remarked scorn-

fully to the assembly.

However, before Mr Pardoe and Mr Wainwright start. slaughtering each other, it should hastily be pointed out that Mr Wainwright's scorn came in a later debate and was

directed at Sir Keith Joseph and his reform of the National Health Service rather than at the taxation dreams of the MP for Cornwall North.

Nevertheless, it was clear from the reaction of speakers in yesterday's debate that the great attraction of those re-forms was the incentive they would give to the average Englishman, not, as Mr Pardoe hopes, to work harder, longer and more effectively, but to cast his vote for the Liberal

Verdicts on the report varied "appalling", "reaction-and bogus" to "a terrific interim statement."
But, whatever the views of delegates, the proposals were universally accepted as a votecatcher.

The establishment of a cooperative development bank to pro-mote the setting up of new common ownership enterprises was urged in a motion approved by assembly.

Mr Ralph Bancroft (Harrow. Central), moving the motion, said the way industrial society was run needed radical overhaul. The patching up of a system based on nineteenth-century principles was no longer acceptable.

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Russia launches space craft

space station, into orbit round rays on spacemen and similar the Earth in what could be a subjects. prelude to a manned mission marking the twentieth anni-versary of its first Sputnik.

begun in 1971, has been the main focus of Soviet space exploration since America landed men on the Moon at the end of the 1960s. The Salyut craft are orbiting

laboratories from which announced after cosmonauts have carried out a in orbit.—Reuter.

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Moscow, Sept 29.—The number of experiments involve Soviet Union today launched ing weather, human endurance in space, the effect of cosmic

in Moscow had been expecting some sort of space event to mark the anniversary of the The Salyut programme, first Sputnik's launching on segun in 1971, has been the October 4 and the promulgation of a new constitution expected at the end of next

As usual, the launching of the space coaft was only announced after it was safely



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MPs want the consequences of higher university tuition fees to be carefully monitored

By Sue Reid, of The Times examine the case for increas- an unfair burd Higher Education ing the number of "home- university sector."

A House of Commons committee has issued a warning to the Department of Education and Science that higher tuition fees may affect demand for university places and the nor-mal process for the selection

In a report published yesterday the Public Accounts Committee recommends that the DES and the University Grants Committee should carefully fairly treated financially. "It monitor the direct and indirect seems

amounts were large, they amounted to only 0.12 per cent

performentary constituency, but the amount involved was small compared with the overall

"I have no doubt that this whole subject is a matter of great public concern", he said. "People will be reassured by the figures we have produced, but there is obviously room for interiors up."

The report urges that maximum use should be made of computers to detect fraud, because the committee feels that

ing with information available in the Department of Health

and Social Security. It urges an intensive study of ways to

secure adequate documentary evidence of unemployment now

that the national insurance stamp card is no longer used.

accept that the present checks, covering the area in which it is

common ground that the largest number of overpayments of

benefit are discovered, are as affective as the old ", the report

says. The committee was con-

cerned that about half the over-

payments were due to official error, partly because of the sys-

tem's complexity. It says the long-term aim should be to

avoid unnecessary complexity; meanwhile every effort should be made to simplify arrange-

years many more people have

claimed and many new benefits

have been introduced. The Sup-

plementary Benefits Commis-

sion has shown that errors by

officials produce as many

underpayments as overpay-

the processes had been tightened up and the rate of overpayments should have been falling. Any waste, particularly

in a time of financial stringency bearing heavily on most people, was a matter of public concern.

The report expressed "out-age" that in the building of

the Liverpool Teaching Hospital expenditure of about £11m had

become necessary to make it

the standard of fire precautions had improved greatly, but said the defects included inadequate

The committee accepted that

safe for occupation.

or badly sited escapes.

Mr du Cann said he assumed

find it difficult to

Mr du Cann calls for

amounts were announted to only 0.12 per cent (or 1p in £8) of total benefit expenditure."

Mr du Carm said that the prosecution figures were equivalent to 300 cases in every that to 300 cases in every the treasons should be examined.

The decision to build the host was taken in 1959. In onst of

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erhed more by personal constants of costs—but has provide siderations than by academic the basis for the DES to make ones. In our view the desirabian an appraisal of whether the lity of a student's freedom of present standards of provision choice must also be weighed were the most appropriate to choice must also be weighed against the greater cost to public funds of maintaining a stu-dent living away from home."

universities have not been unconsequences of the increases country's present financial circumstances grants, which available to meet the needs of the level of fees.

It welcomes the proposed in the increases country's present financial circumstances grants, which available to meet the needs of have enabled the universities the universities and their studies. It welcomes the proposed in creases in tution fees for over-seas students from richer coun-tries and urges the DES to be regarded as having imposed

architects in the design of the building was being examined,

pital was taken in 1959. In 1975 the estimated cost of

phases two and three was £41.8m including £1.5m for im-

was known then that the cost of making the building safe from

fire by current standards would be far higher. As a result of price increase between Septem-ber, 1975, and September, 1976,

the estimated cost of comple

tion, excluding fees and equip-ment, rose to £54.2m.

The department then considered whether to complete the project in full or in part or to

abandon it. It was decided that the balance of advantage

Emeregnecy payments: Com-menting on a case in which a

radiographer on a salary of £2,600 had received £3,691 in

trusted that improved adminis-

go as far as possible to elimin-

cera at serious deficiencies in

basic control of systems for

claiming, recording, and paying

the allowances and at manage-

ment deficiences that led to un-

economical arrangements for

overtime by hospital ancillary

Payment of full-time ancil-lary staff in 1974-75 totalled

'Absurd underestimate": Mr

Iain Sproat, Conservative MP

for Aberdeen, South, campaigned against social security frauds, said yesterday that the figure of £2.6m overpaid through fraud was "an absurd underestimate" (the Press Association reports). "I would not the construction of the

put the amount lost to the tax

payer as more than £200m", he said "I do not blame the civil servants who have to carry

out the system.

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lay in completion.

The UGC was undertaking a review of the university finan-"A student's choice of cing system, and this should university may often be governor only analyse the univererned more by personal con- sities costs but also provide

meet today's essential needs. The committee recommends that the DES and the Treasury The report indicates that should examine the existing grant arrangements to see if a administrative costs

Office, £3.60).

dents". Committee of Public Accounts, winth report (Stationery Mixed ward complaint is upheld

By Our Health Services Fourteen out of 33 plaints investigated by Sir Idwal Pugh, the Health Service Commissioner, between April and July, were found to be partly or wholly justified. His report, published yesterday, records a woman patient's

complaint that she was admit-ted to a mixed sex ward. Although she objected, no practical alternative could be In the complainant's view

privacy was inadequate: beds in bays were separated only by curtains, and the ward area was open to men and women. The patients sitting room was between the male and female lavatories, which, she said, caused particular embarressment after the administration of laxatives and enemas.

The ward sister acknow-ledged that some patients were surprised when they arrived in the mixed-sex ward, but none had refused admission, and surveys of former patients had shown a high level of satisfac-

1975-76, the committee said it Sir Idwal says that although it was proper for the authoriappreciated the environment in which much emergency work was carried out, but abuses could not be countenanced. It ties to provide mixed-sex accommodation, he was not satisfied that adequate provision was made in the particular hospital for the minority who tration and supervision would found the arrangement distas-teful. Every patient should be given the opportunity, before each emergency duty period a technician received an allow-ance of between 75p and £2.45 and more if he had to answer arriving, to dicuss arrangements and to make an informed choice. He invited the authority to find ways of puta call, however short. It had been pointed out that the effec-

The overpayment rate shown in the report is almost exactly the same as when the committee last studied the matter, although in the intervening six years many more nearly have The report criticizes a con-sultant who ignored for 10 months letters from the mother of a severely disabled child. He said he decided not by Annabel Ferriman nothing to what he had told the mother and father. Sir Idwal says the consultant's decision must have added to the mother's distress. That could easily have been avoided had the consultant explained

what he intended to do.

The consultant had been asked to apologize to the com-£306m, of which £30m was for Report of the Health Service Commissioner, April to July 1977 (Stationery Office, £2.10).

Mr Lynch gets on well with Mrs Thatcher

Mr Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, reported the establishment of a "valuable rap-port" after lunching yesterday at the Irish Embassy in Lon-don with Mrs Thatcher, leader of the Opposition.

He is also understood to

he is also understood to have got on well at their first meeting with Mr Airey Neave, the chief Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, whose previous comments have not always found favour in Dublin.

Mr Lynch had a long meeting with Mr Callaghan on Wednesday night. The apparent success of the two sets of dispersion the sets of discussions has nur-tured hopes of a new unity on Northern Ireland between senior politicians in Westminster and Dublin.

Tony Greig, until recently captain of the England cricket

team, disclosed in the High

Court yesterday that he had an

agreement to join Mr Kerry Packer's organization Australia at the end of his

He was answering questions put to him by Mr Michael Kempster, QC, for the defendants, in the two actions brought by Mr Greig and two other players. John Snow and

other players, John Snow and Michael Procter, on the one band, and by Mr Packer, on

Mr Greig said he had an

oral undertaking from Mr

Packer, "and I trust him, that I will work in a field in his set-up, which he thinks will be

Michael Procter, on the one band, and by Mr Packer, on the other, against the Interbeen given an assurance from the other, against the Interbeen given an assurance from the outset that Mr Packer (ICC) and the Test and County would not "encroach on English county of his are seeking to have a ban on the Packer players lifted.

Mr Crair was sked about

suitable for me, possibly television". He had also been promised help with a loan to buy a
should be three weeks, or that
house in Australia, "which I
think is a very kind gesture
and very nice".

At the time of this oral

agreement he had not signed keep the side together as long his contract to play for Mr as possible to keep up the Packer. He agreed that the team spirit." He had said it inducements, or should I say would be inappropriate to take

cricketing career.

Trust to be full-time adminis-trator and researcher for the as supporting the Government, not just in a blind fashion like group, is Mr John Wakefield, a Performance sacrificed to

was ser up in 1965.

The Manifesto Group now holds all six seats on the vital liaison committee between the Government and the Parliamentary Labour Party, having the Tribute Group at its own outsted such staunch campaigners on the left as Mrs Judith Hart and Mr Frank Albaun.

Like other moderate organizations in the Labour Party, the Manifesto Group is disoured and organizing itself?

One of the most successful 24-year-old Oxford English

enterprises associated with the

recent resurgence of moderates

in the Labour Party is undoub-

tedly the Manifesto Group in

Parliament. Ser up at the end

cludes about 70 MPs and 20

It has already achieved a

dominance over its bester

known and longer established

rival, the Tribune Group of

left-wing Labour MPs, which

was set up in 1965. The Manifesto Group now

mentary Labour Party, having ousted such staunch campaigners on the left as Mrs Judith Hart and Mr Frank Alkun.

Like other moderate organizations in the Labour Party, the Manifesto Group is distinctly youthful in composition.

Most of its members are in their early forties, and the secretary, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, is only 38. The assistant secretary, who is paid through a grant from the Rowntree

of 1974, the group now

The orchestra is not work ing to rule but is simply working its basic week, with full professional dedication and application. What the dispute is revealing is that the musicians need to do considerable overtime for the opera bouse He said the verage week's

Tony Greig tells of 'after cricket' pact children to the Indian sub-con-tinent. He was "one hundred per cent sure that my wife will be able to stay with me as long as she wants" during the Packer series.

He agreed that in addition to the Test match fee this year of £210, already mestioned in evidence, as the form the a cash payment from the TCCB, for win bonus, making his match fee £410 a match.

He was asked about the Cricketers' Association, which had voted by 91 votes to 76 in favour of the ban. He said he might have been invited by Mr David Brown, the chairmen, to consider contracts, a but David Brown and I could not have changed anything in a million years". He thought the vote had been swayed by the fact the players were under a false impression after reading about the ban in the papers".
Mr Justice Slade asked Mr Juscice Stade asked about the next England tour to Australia in 1978-79. Would not Mr Greig and others under contract to Mr Packer be playing in matches at the same time as the official England team? Mr Greig agreed they might, and that if the ban were not inchesed it was "certainly possible" that other English cacketers might join World cricketers might join World Series Cricket, the Packer pro-

"We want to give intellectual credibility to what the Government is doing. The Government is not very good at explaining and defending its own policies." The main contribution the Manifesto Group has made in that direction is a series of impressively argued papers,

Men, women (at rear) and dogs of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps marching through Melton

Mowbray, Leicestershire, after receiving the freedom of the borough yesterday.

Moderates in the Labour Party, 2: The Manifesto Group

graduate, who came to the job via a postgraduate economics

course at the London School of

ment became apparent in

the period between the two elections of 1974. After a long period when the right had dominated the parliamentary party there was a strong intake

of left-wingers in the February

The immediate impetus for the formation of the Manifesto

out and organizing itself.".
The mame of the group is significant. It feels that the

Labour Party in Parliament should stick to the manifesto

on which it was elected and not try to introduce new poli-cies beyond it. The Manifesto

Group sees its role primarily

importance of wealth creation, restraining public expenditure and, most recently, holding down wage claims to within the Chancellor's limits. group's ducuments, What We Must Do-A Democratic Socialist Approach to Britain's Crisis, was published last March. It rejected both Conservative and Marxist strat-egies for Britain's future and argued that only a democratic socialist approach could bring

Group. In Parliament inself, the moderates in the Labour Party seem to be winning the battle against the left. That is due partly to the activities of the Manfesto Group, and also to the extent to which Mr Callaghan has pulled the party to the right. As Mr Welkefield says: "The way Jem has run things since he rook over has certainly raised the spirits sife our sainly raised the spirits of our side of the party."

Giving intellectual credibility to policies Mr David Marquand, Mr John Mackintosh, Mr John Horam, Mr Bryan Magee, Mr John Roper and Mr Gales Radice. There is some concern in the up at the departure from House of Commons of such articulate social democrats as Mr Marquand and Mr Brian Walden, but it is still confident that it tensing a definite inreliectual and numerical escendancy over the Tribune

amount of talent. The authors Next: The of What We Must Do included Labour victory

The campaign for

£8,300 for Château Lafite, 1806 17011 vintage

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sale Room Correspondent
A single bottle of Chate
Laftic of the 1805 vantage w
sold at Christie's yesterday f
£8,300, thus becoming the macon common side of the commo last year where it \$14,200 (£7.800). The purchaser was Mr Ad.

The purchaser was far. And Bassin, owner of MacArthur Liquors, of Washington. In who is regularly a big higher wines at Christie's. He sathat he had bought the winon bettalf of a private collect whose name he could not declose. He would take it Dallas. Texas soon. Dallas, Texas soon. Thebottle is not to be o sumed immediately. It will on exhibition at Michaesi

shop for the next year, spite of its immense spice a entiquity, the wine in Chr tie's expert yew is still ye much for drinking. Christie's have had a Christie's have had a fit hand report on a bottle of a wine drunk a few years ago Paris. "Naturally some of pristine colour was lost", if say, "but the wine was som with no decay or oxidation: "I hand blown bottle which has lift it hand blown bottle which has lift if it is pleasing list, remuniscent, and the same is in the original life at list hand blown bottle which has lift if it is the same list, remuniscent, and the same list.

pleasing list, remniscent the Leaning Tower of Pi The standard chateau laber a added at a later date and slip label records that the b teau in 1953. Portrait doll: For anyo

who has ever wondered b portraits survived the bored of being painted, Christi South Kensington, yester provided the answer. They he for sale "Anne Whytwil's L. man" dating from 1769. It is carved wood doll with b

Anne Whytell was a Live pool arrist and exhibited the paintings at the first exhibite painings at the Irst empire of the Royal Academy H lengthese which was made (Mer. Sy. Simon Hemek Carver and Gilder in Edwa Street, opposite Broad Stre-Sohe", sold for El,450 (et mate £1,000—£1,200), to N Friedrick of dealer from N

save operas next week Cancellation of the 1,600-seat

performance of The Trojans at Carthage at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, tonight is to ensure that six performances of Don Carlos starting next week were safeguarded, Mr Pand Findlay, assistant general administrator at the Royal Opera House, said yesterday. Pay negotiations with the Musicians' Union have led to an overtime ban by the or-chestra and only a seven-ses-sion week being worked.

sion week being worked.

Mr Findley said yesterday that tonight's performence had been cancelled in the best interests of the public. "If we had not cancelled, it is unlikely that we would have been able to pur on Don Carlos next week."
Some overtime was usually

worked by the orchestra and the seven-session week meant that much rehearsed time and one performance would be lost, he said. People who have booked sears for The Trojans tonight will be able to exchange them

for a later date or have their money refunded. The dispute with the Musicians' Union, which also involves the English National Opera, is complicated by a disagreement about whether the settlement should come under phase two of the Government's pay code. Musicians contracts nor-

mally date from the beginning to the Department of of a theatre's season. In the ment and is awaiting to English National Opera's case, come.

advantages", were considerable. In addition to the 30,000 Australian dollars (£18,750) a year

he was to be paid for playing in the series, he was to receive 10,000 dollars (26,250) for cap-

10,000 dollars (£6,250) for cap-raincy and consultancy.

He denied having acred as
Mr Packer's agent in signing
other players, He had tried to
explain the situation to some
of them, "perhaps putting one
side more firmly than the

the agreed that the Packer contracts stipulated cricket marches in Australia or else-where. That could involve play-

Mr Greig was asked about

families accompanying players, a subject about which he had

expressed resemment on Wednesday. He could not remember having suggested

but for the Royal Opera House it is September, technically after the code expires.

Mr Findlay said yesterday, however, that the settlement must fall within phase two, because the musicians last settlement was under phase one and it was against government policy to miss phase two. Mr John Morron, general secretary of the Musicians' Union, said they were trying to agree as soon as possible.

pay for an ordinary orthestra member was E84 nd a day's work with oversime might begin at 10 am and end at 10.30 pm. It magnit movolive a six-day week.

The Royal Opera House is still negoniating with Equity, the actor's union, over a phase Employment for guidance over non-pay items while Equity members are working nine sessions a week instead of 10. Equity has agreed with the English Narional Opera under phase two, but the National has had to submit the details ment and is awaiting the out-

Raiders get £95,000 in tunnel ambush By a Staff Reporter A security guard was injured rounded the security van and was was faund abandoned to two shors were fired at the the tunnel and was to

Tunnel, London, during the morning rush hour yesterday.

The sang escaped with 195,000 in wage packers which were being delivered from the bullion centre rot Goup 4 Total Security, in Mark Green Road, Mircham, to companies in south London.

Shortly before 9 am, two Ford Corbina cars blocked both southbound innes of the tunnel after the security van had been driven in. About 100 yards in-side the tunnel around a bend, a Ford Capri slowed down in front of the van and a Transit van then overtook the van and forced it to a standstill.

Seven or eight men sur-

windscreen. Group 4 Total examined.
Security said that the two Mr Char
security men in the cab of the services in van and the man in the back were told to get our or they would be shot. One of the security goards was hit on the head with the butt of a gun or a pickaxe handle. Ten or 12 cash boxes were

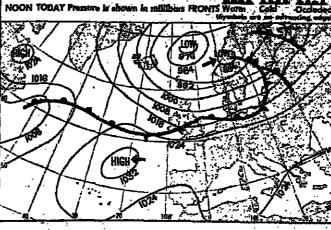
loaded anto the Transit van which was driven out of the south end of the tammel. Police and the ambulance service were hampened by heavy were hampered by heavy traffic when the tunnel was blocked.

The injured man, whom the company refused to identify, was taken to inospital but was not badly hurt. voir The police said the Transit day.

Total Security said the si ven lad lost radio comen de company headquarters beilt, the manuel made company cruon impossible. But a proposition of the company cruon impossible. customarily used because telephones in it were that to provide a good opposit to raise the alasm if any happened.

£5m reservoir opened Mr Howell, Mighiner of Strate the Department of the Evironment, opened a 25m and voic at Farmon, Oxford, year.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today . Sun sets: 6.41 pm Last quarter: October 5.
Lighting up: 7.11 pm to 6.31 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.22
am, 7.4m (24.2ft); 4.34 pm, 7.4m
(24.2ft). Avonmouth, 9.50 am,
13.2m (43.3ft); 10.9 pm, 13.1m
(43.1ft). Dover, 1.22 am, 6.7m
(21.9ft); 1.38 pm, 6.8m (22.1ft).
Hull, 8.28 am, 7.4m (24.2ft);
8.54 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Liverpool,
1.30 am, 9.3m (30.6ft); 1.49 pm,
9.1m (29.8ft). Last quarter: October 5.

A strong W airstream across the British Isles. Troughs of low pressure will move E or SE across central and later S districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to mininght:
London, SE, central S. SW
England, East Anglia: Bright
intervals at first, occasional rain
in evening; wind SW fresh or
strong; max temp 17°C (63°F).
Channel Islands: Dry. bright
intervals; wind SW, strong; max
temp 16°C (61°F).

E, central N England, Mid
Sea Passages: S North Sea,
Strait of Dover, English Channel
(E): Wind SW, strong perhaps
increasing to gale; sea rough or
very rough.

Yesterday
London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7
pm, 19°C (66°F); min 7 pm to

lands, S Wales: occasional rain later; occasional rain later; wind SW, fresh or strong; tax remp 16°C NE, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Outbreaks of rain, perhaps heavy in places, clearer in evening with scattered showers; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 16°C (58°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N. Ireland: Outbreaks of rain, heavy in places, brighter later with scattered showers; wind SW to W, strong to gale; max temp 13°C. Aberdeen, Moray Firth. NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Occasional heavy showers, sunny intervals; wind W, strong; max temp 12°C (54°F).

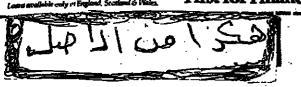
Outlook for tomorrow and Sundap, Sunny intervals and showers, perhaps heavy in the N becoming and deep. perhaps heavy in the N becom-

percept newly in the in occum-ing colder.
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Strain of Dover, English Channel
(E): Wind SW, strong perhaps

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud : d, drizzle ;



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Fares are

NEW FARES have been

introduced by British Air-

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to two a week, with a new Friday flight joining the existing Wednesday service on

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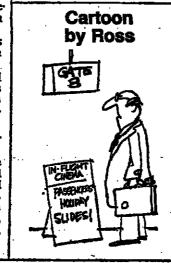
A wide range of fares -see the report below. Reunion clubs for people

wishing to visit friends and relatives in both the United States and Canada. Information on the clubs is available through most travel agents, with membership costing £2 a person a year.



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FRANKFURT: There are now three flights on Sunday and every weekday, with two on Saturday. A Super 1-11 flies there each weekday from Man-

MUNICH: Two flights on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and one on Tuesday and Saturday.

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Monday to Saturday, and one on Sunday. First-class accommodation is available on all these flights.

flights a day to each city from

TURIN: Four flights a week - on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. STOCKHOLM: The schedule

will, for the first time, in winter be a twice daily service. COPENHAGEN: There are

two flights every day, and six of these every week are operated by wide-bodied TriStar

ZURICH and GENEVA: Three flights to each city every day, except Friday when Geneva

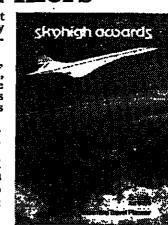
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Airport not less than three hours before departure. The one-way fare from New York will be \$146.

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The passenger will then be given a confirmed flight at least seven days before departure. If a passenger cancels there will be a non-refundable charge of £30 a ticket.

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down to New York (ABC) and advance purchase excursion (APEX) fares still offer excellent value:. ABC FARES: The advanced

booking charter is, in fact, still

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APEX FARES: The fare from London to New York is £153 Passengers have to reserve APEX seats a minimum of 50

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at their destination between 14

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HOME NEWS

Prosecution warning by DPF on poem

The Director of Public Prosecutions gave a warning yester-dey of possible prosecution if the poem "The love that dares to speak its name", by Profes-sor James Kirkup, is published

The poem, about a Roman centurion's homosexual love for Christ at the Crucifixion, appeared in the homosexuals' newspaper Gay News, and led to Mr Denis Lemon, its editor, and the paper being found guitty by a jury at the Central Criminal Court of blasphemous

nine months' imprisonment, sus-pended for 18 months, and fined

The private prosecution was brought by Mrs Mary White-house of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association, and recently she sent to the DPP a copy of a circular which called on radical publishers and others

on radical publishers and others to reproduce the poem.

Mr Anthony Hetherington, the DPP, told Mrs Whitehouse's lawyers that he had no evidence that any publisher had acted on the circular, and he did not at present intend to take action on it.

He added: "Should further publication of the poem in question be brought to my attenquestion be brought to my atten-tion. I shall have seriously to consider the question of bring-ing proceedings." He hoped, however, that pending the re-sult of the appeal all concerned

necessary.

The DPP and Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, had agreed that after the convictions at the Central Criminal Court and subject to appeal, publication of the poem in the manner envisaged by the circular would be a common-law offence. If sent through the post it would contravene section 2 of the Post Office Act, 1953.

would refrain from any action that would make that step



dispute between his company and the British Air Line Pilots Association, is in a different

argument with Waverley District Council over a house he owns in Surrey Baynards Park, near Cranleign (above) is listed grade 2 starred. It was originally Elizabethan, although it was extensively enlarged and altered in the early nineteenth century. It was built by Sir George More, Sir Thomas More's cousin, and was once owned by the father of John Evelyn, the diarist.

It has been empty for several years and is said to be deteriorating badly. Mr Bristow applied for consent to demolish it. His application was refused and the council authorized its officers

to do emergency repairs.

Mr Bristow, who has appealed against the council's refusal, describes it as "a Victorian monstrosity", and says he wants a more modest

"I have suggested a meeting with the council at which common sense might prevail bur, although I have invited them twice, they have

London police 4,329 officers short

Torquay
The shortage of 4,329 officers
in the Metropolitan Police is as
great as the total establishment
laid down to police the whole

of Merseyside.

That is stated in evidence being collected by the Police Superintendents' Association Superintendents' Association for the Home Secretary. The facts were given to the association's annual conference at Torquay this week by Chief Superintendent K. Rivers.

The Metropolitan Police had lost enough men in the past

eight weeks to cover a division in Merseyside. Since August 1, 356 policemen had left, of whom 223 resigned voluntarily or Last year 804 officers left in the first eight months, whereas during the same period this year

Figures from the Police Federation, which represents ranks up to chief inspector, also show that at the end of June police forces in England and Wales were 9,012 officers short of authorized expension.

were 9,012 officers short of authorized strength. The strength of the Metropolitan Police was now 16.2 percent below establishment, Mr Rivers added. In 1920 the known crime rate in London was 17,433. "Today we have just 753 men more to deal with a crime rate which has increased by 2,610 per cent over the same rate which has increased by 2,610 per cent over the same period and which will, if the rate of increase for the first six months of this year continues to be maintained, com-fortably pass the half-million

mark."
The Metropolitan Police defi-

was now greater than that of the rest of the forces in England and Wales put together. money offered for the job is not considered adequate."

not considered adequate."
A single police constable in London receiving rent allowance got total gross pay of f66.46 during his first year of service. If he left he could be employed by the force as a civilian, such as a vehicle removal officer, with starting pay of f67.98. of £67.98. Whitelaw pledge : Mr Whitelaw,

the shadow Home Secretary, said in Newczstle upon Tree yesterday that if the police were still dissatisfied over ray when the Conservatives were returned to power, the Tori's would be prepared to set un a

Number of farms declines by a fiftieth each year

Correspondent

The number of farms in the United Kingdom is falling fast as land is lost to urban develop-ment and redistributed into large holdings. The first de-tailed official survey of farm sizes since 1968 shows that between that year and 1975 the number fell by about a fiftieth

The survey gives the first the Covernment announced its inquiry a fortnight ago under Lord Worthfield, into the partern of ownership.

The committee was

worried about difficulties faced by landless young farmers and about land purchases by financial institutions and foreign

In 1969 a tent't of farms each provided employs int for at least four men and produced 47 per cent of output. In 1975 such farms accounted for 15 per cent of the national total of holdings and provided 56 per cent of output. Concentration is greatest in England and Wales which have three-quarters of the farms. In 1975 2 per cent of English and Welsh farms together produced 21 per cent of

Constabulary chief's glum picture of manpower loss

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

Crime and disorder continued to increase in Scotland last year while the strength of the police force decreased, Mr David Gray, Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, said in his annual report published

He said it was by far the gloomiest report he had made and admirted that the police service had lost the attraction it once had for many young men. Of an authorized establishment of 13,163 in Scotland last year, there were 846 vacancies. The loss of 218 officers during probation and 228 trained probation and

The overall crime level last year rose 14 per cept to 264,615. Less serious offences fell slightly but that was a sign of inadequate police patrols. Detection largely depended on a police presence on the streets. While the Government had always been willing to match with the police grant any money authorities had reduced over-

time.

Mr Gray said that members of the federated ranks (inspectors and below) were emphatic that poor pay was at the root

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Call for fund to aid not-so-poor litigant

finance litigation, Justice, the all-party lawyers' body, pro-poses in a report published to-day.

The report, based on Justice's evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services, suggests

that after its initial funding, by means of a single grant, the "Comingency Legal Aid Fund" would be financed by its per-centage share of damages awarded to successful litigants. The proposed fund would

Justice feels that the proposal, if adopted, "could lead to a substantial improvement in the provision of legal services in England for those who need them most and can afford them

The report also proposes the setting up of a "rescue service" for what it calls the casualties of the elaw: people who had exhausted a wide range of legal services but remained, lustifiably or not, with

By Our Legal Correspondent

An independent fund should be set up to pay for legal services for people not poor enough to qualify for legal aid, but lacking the means to

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It accepts that such a service would attract some unmer file to to see in the torious cases involving peoplifical with fanciful grievances, but nevertheless feels that the would be a reasonable price they for being able to help decades serving cases. Lanyers and the Legal Systemser (Justice, 2 Clement's Inrehations, Strand, London, WC2; £1.50). Macket

Chief officers support firemen's claim

Firemen who are demanding a 30 per cent pay increase were given support yesterday for a "proper assessment" of their wages from the Chief and Assis-tant Chief Fire Officers' Asso-

The association's council said it was extremely concerned that the eefficiency of the fire service would be eroded if it was not seen to be as attrac-tive in pay and conditions as other local authority services.

The nation state

Hedley Bull discusses the future of the nation state; Maurice Peston reflects on the changing fortunes of the New Statesman; and Clive Cookson reports on a new GMC survey of medical education in The Times Higher Education Supplement today.

Law Commission urges new offence of entrapment

By Our Legal Correspondent Consideration should be given to making it a crime to incite to making it a crime to incite someone to commit an offence with the object of trapping him and having him prosecuted, the Law Commission suggest in a report published yesterday. It gives examples of the police or informers persuading and encouraging people to commit crimes they might otherwise not have committed. The commission concludes.

not have commisted.

The commission concludes, however, that there should not be a legal defence of entrapment which could lead to the acquittal of the offender. It was illingical that a person should have a defence merely because he had been led to commit the crime by someone who was not a genuine fellow criminal.

remainal.

The possible new offence of engapment would apply, the commission suggests, when someone takes the initiative in instigating or persuading an-

other person to commit a formal offence, when he intends the person should be prevented from successfully completing the report also proposes new definition of the defenct of duress, to be available when the crime is committed by the offender under threat of harded to bimself or another. offender under threat of harided to benself or another.

The Law Commission said that the defence should be said that the defence should be said threatened is death or seriousnation personal interv (whether me Wital or physical); that the threatened or physical); that the threatened or before protection can bould sought; and that there was nother way of preventing the harm threatened.

Duress should be available as a defence to all offences, invertending murder, the commission this including murder, the commission this is a characteristic to the commission of the commends.

recommends.

The Law Commission. Report (N Thisself) on Defences of General Application (Stationery Office, £1.35)

Licences suggested for file compilers

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

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The Government should differentiate between "privacy"
and "security" in its planned
legislation to protect personal
information held on computer
files, according to the British
Computer Society, the Computing Services Association and
the Data Processing Management Association.

La a joint submission to the

In a joint submission to the Government's Data Protection Committee, they recommend that an independent licensing authority should be set up to control privacy and security alike.

Privacy would be the responsibility of the user of the information the organization or indivedual on whose behalf pro-

cessing work on personal data files was carried out. Security would be the responsibility of the agency or operator whose computers were used to do the

the agency or operator whose computers were used to do the processing.

Thus the independent authority would grant licences to users covering specific uses of personal data and certificates of security to computer agencies permitting work up to stated levels of sensitivity.

The agency must be able to provide security appropriate to the sensitivity of the data, but the three bodies say. "There is no need whatever for the agency to be aware of the uses to which the data will be pur."

In the Government's White Paper on computers and privacy

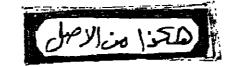
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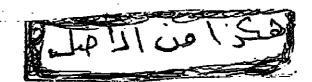
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and an Ombudsman. The publication will find a licensing aurhoritian the more reassuring of the five, the three organization was a control of the specific use of personal data, as recommende will provide intrinsic protection will provide intrinsic protection against unauthorized new approvides protection regardless where the work is done and stories enforceable.

Any attempt to control damage data files would be cumbered the ease of collecting data. It is the ease of collecting data at that would lead to evasion and three organizations have data protection. The Data 2

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democracy' of a minority

The existence of the closed shop in various newspaper houses had begun to lead to the danger that action taken on industrial grounds had resulted in censorship. Lord Wigoder, Laberal Chief Whip in the Rouse of Lords, said during a debate on industrial democracy. The reality was that deeply em-bedded in the industrial relations structure was the concept of the post-entry closed shop. He doubted whether it would be wise or whether it wood be wise or sensible to contamplate removing by legislation what was so much

urt of society... The one industry where the the one management was feguards were inadequate was se newspaper industry. "We have sateguards were inadequate was the newspaper industry. We have seen it in the last day or two schen two political correspondents have been denied by the Labour Party the right to report their schemes dext week because they happen to be involved in an industrial dispute.

"We have seen growing up winding the National Union of blowradists a dangerous threat rom a small body of people, the international socialists, who are item as much of a menace to our democracy and way of life as the National Front."

There must be complete editorial There must be complete editorial freedom, both from proprietorial pressures and from unions. There must be the right of the individual journalist to join the NUJ or the institute of Journalists, or neither if that was what he preferred. There must be the right of outside contributors to get views freely expressed in the press and a strong press charter effectively coliced.

Lord Wigoder's comments came while the assembly was deciding its attitude to the closed shop in industry. After a complicated voting procedure. 352 delegates voted in opposition to enforced 100 per cent union membership as being contrary to Liberal principles. In another vote 234 delegates voted for 100 per delegates voted for 100 per cent delegates voted for 100 per cent union membership agreements provided there were adequate safeguards for individuals. The opposition to the enforced 100 per cent membership was therefore incorporated in the resolution finally adopted by the assembly.

Mr Ian Stewart (North-west Surrey) said the closed shop in industry had some distinguished company. None could vote against de ti they were lawyers, doctors, decrists, chemists, members of Equity, of the seamen's union, or even of the Liberal Candidates' Association, all of which had a liclosed shop. He was a member blof a post-entry closed shop and members were persuaded to join how seeing what the benefits were.

If we was strongly opposed to the he was strongly opposed to the losed shop. It was bad in principle; they would never build liberal society if they compro-nised on principle.

Later in the debate a proposal n the report of the conference's commission on industrial demoracy to give employees 51 percons was recicted by 287 votes

LIBERAL PARTY ASSEMBLY/BRIGHTON. Menace to, Pardoe plan to cut income tax to 20% by 1980

Proposals for a "realistic and facility reform" of the taxation system were put forward at the Liberal Party assembly at Brighton Liberal Party assembly at Brighton yesterday. Mr John Pardoc, the party's spotesman on Treasury affairs, said the system proposed would enable the British people to take full advantage of the copportunities before them.

The main recommendations, in a report of the party's taxation committee, chaired by Mr Pardoe, included:

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switch from taxes on income to taxes on expenditure and wealth of tax on carned income would be 20 per cent and the highest rate on earned income, 50 per cent.

The replacement of the emloyers' national insurance contribution and surcharge (at present 11 per cent) by a payroll tax, increasing over four budgets to 21 per cent by 1980, and the in-crease of VAT from 8 to 10 per cent in 1978.

A unified system of taxation, exempting all true savings from income fax, treating income and realization of capital alike for tax pirposes, and removing the need for separate taxation of capital capital

The phased introduction of a comprehensive credit income tax

• A new and decempalized system of local government finance, with central government paying for those services it required local authorities to provide, first-tier local authorities raising revenue by whatever taxes they chose and second-tier authorities raising revenue by site-value rating.

A self-assessed wealth tax on wealth above (60,000) and about tion of investment income sur-charge and stamp duty. Replacement of capital transfer tax on the person who makes the transfer by an accession tax on the person who receives the

a indepartion of the whole tax system and self-assessment for income tax. Although some speakers in the dobate expressed reservations on

Mr Pardoe said the chief fault of the rax system was the high burden borne by income tax. It was an easy tax for politicians because inflation became the great tax gatherer and enabled the programment to be support the programment to be support the programment to be support to the programment to be supported to the programment to be supported to the programment to the governments to bypass parliamen-tary control of taxation. It was indicrous that thuse who were officially classed as too poor to provide for themselves without state benefits were nevertheless deemed rich enough to pay income

tax.
"We have to sweep away this

Reports by Philip Webster, Derek Barnett and Colin Ivermee, of our Parliamentary Staff.

nousense, and at both ends of the income scale. The Torles are fond of telling us how much they will or tening us now much they will
do for the top taxpayer but they
have no solution for the poverty
trap. Liberals alone have the solution for both."

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He berged the assembly not to be timid about the wealth tax proposal? "Our other proposed tax reforms will give a huge impetus to the creation and accumulation of private wealth, but that wealth must be used for the benefit of society as a whole. It would be intolerable to perpetuate a tax system which encouraged people not to pur there

aged people not to pur their wealth to its most productive use." Nothing would do more to make local government come alive and to a government come anye and be exciting again to able men and women than the proposal for a new system of local government finance. Local elections would be about something real and tangible. Some candidates, for instance, would campaign for local income tax, others for a local sales tax.

Mr Paul Seddon (London) said
the proposed marril the proposed payroll tax was another form of income rax, and would be a discentive for companies to employ

Mr Mouroe Palmer (Hendon, South) hoped that the committee's final report would pay particular regard to the effects of payroll tax on business and prices. VAT thould be shell-had but a market had been seen as the committee of t should be abolished but a payro tax would drive the self-employed

Mr Paul Needham (Newcastle, Central) said the report was appulling. It was opposed to Liberal policy in favour of redistribution of wealth. Workers should have more incentive. He wanted a completely tax-free wage up to about one and a half rimes the average industrial wage, with extra allow ances for large families, and a high single rate of standard taxation at a rate of 70 or 80 per cent on all income above that level.

Mr Pardoe, winding up the de hate, said the committee was seeking the views of the party. The
report would not become finalized
for at least three months. "We
are not trying to hammer or steamrelies this character was reroller this through now."

It had been said that a payroll tax would create unemploy but businessmen invested created more tobs to satisfy demand. The proposals gave Liberals the best weapon in their armoury to go out on to the doorsteps and resurrect the mass Liberal

content with Westminster. They had no deep-seated commitment to devolution but were cynically prepared to adjust their position in the hope the tide would turn.

Mr Geraint Howells (MP, Cardi-gan) said it was important that when devolution measures came

when devolution measures came before Parliament during the next session the Liberal Party supported them. Devolution as offered at present by the Government was far from perfect but if the measure was thrown out the chance of any kind of devolution this decade and probably the next weed have a recommendation.

the next would have gone. To vote against devolution now for whatever reason would be seen as a vote against the principle of devolution.

that in the shire counties there

was an identity of significance not only in emotional but organiza-

tional terms. They would be heading for trouble if they started abolishing something natural and organic to replace it with some-

thing mechanical and engineered. Mr Robert Smith (Edinburgh) be-lieved that unless people in Scot-

land got devolution of the kind now proposed, and in the long term of a better kind, they would

degenerate into racialists of the

Mr Terry Thomas (Pontypridd)

opposed the motion. In Scotland

and Wales he had seen a move-

ment that could lead to destructive

forces being unleashed if some-

thing was not done fairly soon to

HOME NEWS

Unions campaign for £2,000m in autumn Budget to restore cuts made in public spending

Labour Reporter

Union pressure on Mr Healey, the Chancellor, to inject £2,000m more into public spending is being intensified in the run-up to a possible autumn

Ten public service unions opened a new campaign vesterday for the restoration of cuts made in recent years. There will be a week of action, starting on November 21, to include put an extra £15m a week a lobby of Parliament and a spending power straight into rally in London on November

The campaign is being closelylinked to the need to reduce unemployment, on the argument an increase in public spending would revive activity in the private and public sec-

Mr Bernard Dix, assistant general secretary of the blue-collar National Union of Public Employees, said the Government would stand or fall on what it did about unem-

At the same time Mr Dix rejected a 10 per cent pay in-crease for local authority manual workers, which on basic rates suggested no more than cent. That would mean up to £2.30. authorities Quite simply, it is not on," \$1,000m.

are playing one of the early hands and we are playing it to Mr Dix said: "If Mr Healey cancels his recent 10n increase

in the price of school meals and restores the subsidies he has removed from butter, cheese, milk, bread and tea, he will cut the rate of inflation overnight. "At the same time he will

the place where it is most needed—the purses of Britain's bard-up nousewives."
The 10 unions yesterday published a 60-page booklet detailing the impact of public spending curbs since 1975 on

council services and national public services. It seeks to justify the demand for their restoration on two main grounds: the Treasury overestimated the borrowing requirement for 1976-77 by £3,080m, and a similar error

education, the health service,

current year. Second, the bookler says the cash limits for 1976-77 were imposed so rigidly that government departments and local underspent р'n

may have been made for the

This financial background want collective bargaining. We makes it clear that there is scope for an immediate restoration of many of the cuts, even accounting for the limits on public expenditure agreed with the International Monetary Fund." The drop in interest rates had improved the scope

for more public spending. The booklet concluded: "Ou: campaign has as its primary objective the development of new consensus; that the social wage is a positive contribution to the wellbeing of all sections of society, and that it is legiti-mate and desirable to expand our inadequate public services."

The unions involved in the campaign are the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo), the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse), the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE) National Union of Students (NUS), the National Union of Teachers (NUT), the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS), the National Association of Probation Officers (Napo).

and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS).

£50-a-week wage sought as safety net for low paid

From Christopher Warman

Bourgemouth Mr Alan Fisher, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, told local government leaders yesterday that his members were justified

in seeking a pay increase sub-stantially above the Govern-ment's 10 per cent guideline. The union, which has 400 000 workers in local government, is seeking a minimum of £50 a veek compared with the present minimum of £38.50. Fisher said in an address to the joint local government conference: "This is not an outence: rageous figure. In terms of actual cash, I believe our justifies a departure from the government guide-lines in order to provide a safety net for lower-paid

workers." He said that the take-home pay of many of his members was less than they would was less than they would get from staying at home. When the new rates for supplementary benefit are introduced November, an average family would receive 541.28 a week-Even if NUPE members suc-

in increasing their

basic wage to £50, the take-home pay would be 41p less

It is not that supplementary benefits are too ligh, but that wages, particularly in local government, are too low." government, are too low." Anything below a substantial increase would be unreasonable

and unacceptable, Mr Fisher The union, together with the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General and Municipal Workers' Union who have among them one million manual workers in local government, are due to make their pay semlement in November, and their determination to go above the guidelines will provide a severe test for local government in negotiations.
Mr Shore, Secretary of State

for the Environment, refused to be drawn on the issue when he addressed the final session of the conference. He said pay settlements must be such that the national earnings increase was no more than 10 per cent. The Government regarded the public sector as crucial to the success of the pay policy. But he appreciated they could not

Scargill hope of burial for social contract

By Our Labour Editor Mr Arthur Scargill, the York-shire nuners' leader, hopes to be "one of the undertakers of the social contract". In an article in Personnel Management, he says: "The tragedy ment, he says: "The tragedy since 1974 has been the failure of trade unions to press wage claims because we had a Labour government in power—even though they knew that failure to do so would result in a fall in living standards.

Trade union leaders were prepared to accept policies under a Labour government would would have been totally unacceptable had there been a Conservative Administration in office.*

Mr Scargill says we are in the third year of incomes policy, and if workers accept the 12-month rule permitting only one wage settlement a year, living standards will have declined by more than 30 per

I hope to be one of the undertakers of the social contract. We should bury the social contract so deep that no pol: tician or trade union official will be stupid enough to try to

English regions envisaged as federal states had not been transformed by any blinding light on the road to Damuscus. They were concerned more with the pising tide of dis-

A move to include the setting up of an English parliament in a federal system of government for the United Kingdom was rejected. Instead, a resolution calling for a federal system in which the companion of these would be Sectional ponent states would be Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the "major regions" of England was carried overwheimingly. Each state would have equal status and full powers of self-government.

An amendment pressing for the "simultaneous" establishment of elected assemblies in Wales, Scotland and the regions was rejected.
Mr Richard Wainwright (MP,
Coinc Valley) moved the successful resolution, which also proposed that the county her of local gov-ernment would be abolished and the bulk of their powers passed to the districts in England and Wales. the districts in engineering waters, it urged the parliamentary party to use its position and influence to press for the early establishment of elected assemblies in Scotland, Wales and the English regions as the first step towards a federal Britain.

Mr Wainwright said millions, whose expectations from government had been severely disappointed in recent years, were now discovering that there was little democracy left. Local govern-ment had virtually lost all inde-pendence because of almost rotal government control over expendi-

"Only a federal Britain can now be a truly democratic Britain", Mr Wainwright commented. At last year's assembly there was a resolution to insert between the federal Westminster Parliament and the English regions an additional and novel tier of government with all the expense and bureaucracy involved,



Mr Richard Wainwright: " Little democracy left."

namely an English parliament.

It would be political suicide, he said, to go into an election proposing an additional tier of government at present. An English parliament, alas, would control 85 per cent of the population and the resources of the whole United. the resources of the whole United

It would be a prime recipe for deadlock and strife of the most frustrating kind. The party controlling the federal parliament would be at the mercy of an English parliament controlling 85 per cert of its own resources. English parliament controlling 85 per cent of its own resources. Mrs Hester Smallbone (Hillingdon) moved the amendment, overwhelmingly rejected on a show of hands, which sought to establish a separate parliament for England in a federal system.

"The fact that the English are not clamouring for a national partiament", she said, "is because most of we English think that we have got one already, since there has been a Parkament functioning in England for over 700 years."

Anyone who denies that Fag-Anyone who denies that England is a nation or who seeks to deprive the English of their Parliament has got to explain away over 1,000 years of recorded history." It was the English Parliament that had challenged the Crown under Oliver Cromwell and established democracy in the United Kingdom. It was the United Kingdom. It was that Parliament the resolution sought to dismember, and which the amendment sought to preserve. Mr Renald Montgomerie (Harrow,

Mr Ronald Montgomerie (Harrow, Central) said Liberals must do what they could to preserve the United kingdom, but England must be free to devolve power to its regions in the way that was most appropriate. English people had the great good fortune to be barely conscious of political nationalism. "But even the English might not take kindly to being reduced to the status of Middleser, with a postal address, and a cricket team but with little cite."

Tony Greaves (Nelson and Coine) unsuccessfully moved the amendment calling for the early "and simultaneous" establishment of assemblies in Scotland. Wales and the regions. He said that would avoid any hotch-potch settlement in one part of the United Kingdom which might pre-judice future government in all

Mr Terry Grieve (Scottish Liberal Party) opposing the amendment, said the Labour and Tory parties

tackle some of the difficulties. by Fred Emery

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The Double Standards Game

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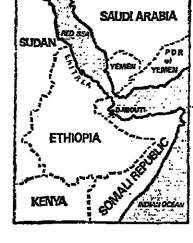


While the Russians have been wheeling and dealing, supplying arms to both sides and allowing the slaughter of thousands of Black people in the Horn of Africa (Somalia-Ethiopia), the West has been strangely silent.

Yet its vital interests are in peril from Soviet naval and air bases in the area which threaten ocean-going tanker access to the Middle East oilfields.

At the southern end of Africa, however, where the warring factions in Rhodesia pose no such threat to the West, the United States and Britain have a lot to say ... and are even talking of oil sanctions.

Such are the incomprehensible double standards of President Carter and his Western Allies.



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Conference notebook

Party principles survive the temptation of 'realities'

rinciple will out. In spite of a those for were counted, on successive propositions. That is not necessarily the same thing as gain appear anti-union, the seembly preferred to vote to prose the closed shop.

This is proposed in the party would necessarily the same thing as counting each division. Not for the first time Liberals have been caught voting more strongly with their hands than when they were

There were also warning to heed district realines, and implications or the Liberal learn carried the ain, the Liberal heart carried the ead. And party principles merged intact. Mr John Dancer, the shop steward, who is also ssistant general secretary of the association of Liberal Trade linions, had earlier dangled the nitcement that the party might steal the union vote away from abour?". Curiously, nobody othered (or dared) to suggest hat it might be precisely because iberals had to oppose a closed hop that they might begin to utract the great mass of supposedy disinchanted union members.

The closed shop decision, one place in the industrial democracy debate, went quickly by, and isks being given confused attenacy debate, went quickly by, and isks being-given confused attension. For example, the vote was its own legislature, with Westmot clear. The show of hands recting it looked impressive; yet when a count was taken only

necessarily the same thing as counting each division. Not for the first time Liberals have been caught voting more strongly with their hands than when they were actually counted. In Wednesday's important counted vote demanding that Mr Steel renegotiate with Mr Callaghan, the hands up, as agreed by the man in the chair at the time. looked far more numerous time, looked far more numerous than the subsequent count proved.

Much more time and rhetorical Much more time and rhetorical sparkle was given vesterday to the debate on federalism. There were eachoes here of the founding fathers in Philadelphia seeking that "more perfect union". We are now on notice that with the Liberals as our masters we shall get a totally federal United Kingdom, not just with the present national components as "states", but with England broken down into "states" as yet to be defined.

by Mr Richard Wainwright who is sounding positively Jeffersonian.

The fact that so many Englishmen spoke up for their regional nationalism (although the man from Shropshire wanted to be part of Wales, not the Midlands) is of course the direct consequence of the devolution muddle. The Liberals' package is now being sold as the way to foil the Scottish and Welsh separatists and keep the United Kingdom intart, at least until Liberals dissolve it into the greater European federal into the greater European federal

union.

Those who wondered whatever happened to the Young Liberals got their answer yesterday. The "radical chic child revolutionaries" as one opponent unwisely reviled them, were active yesterday. The Young Liberals successfully moved (with a lot of help from a Mr Richard Moore far flercer on the Tories than they) a blistering resolution on southern Africa. It goes farther than anything the Labour Party would dare, both in castigating the British Government and urging "disinvestment" by British companies there,

" media oriented", they are very hurt, as I discovered when attend-ing their post-indulght caucus, at being belittled by the press. They are stinging in criticizing parfy leaders. They expressed alarm over Mr Steel's hints of "coalition". and mockery of Mr John Pardoe's "reactionary" tax

Much of their rambling session on Wednesday night, in a suitably dingy hotel in Hove, was devoted to self-criticism and tactics for the morrow. They were most successful yesterday in being on hand, jackets hastily donned over T-shirts, to corner the spare platform seats as they had planned. In an excess of democracy Liberals allow, for most of their conference, the platform to be "non status". That means that those seats prominent on the television screen are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Notwithstanding that their cancus session seemed rambling and petulant. I was still impressed yesterday that the YL speakers were to the point and well controlled, even if they needed the squire-looking and nurevolutionary Mr Moore to set them on fire over apartheid.

panies there, YLs also successfully moved the Grunwick motion. Being very ion urger Expect a rough time from

Tories', Mr Steel says

George Chark delegates has been in delegates has been noted in the quarters where it matters."

From this it can be assumed that Mr Steel has been in touch with Mr Callaghan and that the position of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, under pressure from the rank and file, has been explained to the Government with a view to getting definite promises in the pext parliamentary session. Mr Steel had warned the candidates that it could be a mistake for them to look to the Queen's Speech (outlining the next programme for Parliament) for a whole series of Liberal measures. That was because so much parliamentary time next session would be needed for the European direct elections Bill and the two Bills for developing. olirical Correspondent
As the assembly settled down to
outine business after the decision
of endorse the pact with Labour,
ir Steel, the party leader, was,
nder no defusions about the
lifticulties ahead for the party.
He warned a lunchtime meeting
f about 160 prospective Liberal
rriamentary candidates that they
and expect a very rough time.

The Conservatives in the und expect "a very rough time."

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ouths shead. Economic prosers for the nation were brighter
in the outlook for the Consertives was becoming gloomy.
hey would therefore build up
eir attack on the Liberal Party
the obstacle to electoral

be needed for the European direct elections Bill and the two Bills for devolution.

They must look for concessions in other directions, such as tax incentives for the establishment of profit-sharing and employee shareholding schemes, new aid for small businesses, and a further transfer of the tax burden from direct to indirect taxation.

Mr Steel had invited Mr Cyril Mr Steel did not want his front-Mr Steel did not want his frontte troops to be dismayed by
at prospect. "I want you to
velop more self-confidence and
go out campaigning on the basis
at the Liberals have deterred
e Labour Government from the
tremes of socialism." For his
rt, he would ensure that Liberal
Ps also campaigned more aggres-Mr Steel had invited Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, the chief opponent of the pact, to Ps also campaigned more aggres-ely in defence of the parlia-

entary strategy.

After the meeting Mr Steel told c he was delighted with Wed-stay's overwhelming vote by the beral delegates for continuation the pact, and he did not accept e view, now put by many berals, that it would have engineed his hand if there had on arester opposition. the chief opponent of the pact, to meet him at his hotely esterday morning. Air Smith had resigned as the party's spokesman on employment. Mr. Steel told the parliamentary candidates that the two men had an amicable meeting and the differences between them were far less than would appear from press reports.

He had pointed out to Mr. Smith that his essential precondition for any coalition or agreement with the government.

A commitment to introduce proportional representation at enginened as being it in a greater opposition.
The amendment calling for regotiation of the pact had been imply phrased, and he thought at if some other words had at if some other words had en chosen to express dissatis-tion with the results achieved far that might well have been ried and would have been help-to him.

of sanctions, increased aid to Moz-ambique, compensation to front-line states that supported refugee camps, full trade union rights for workers, no aid to be given to the Rantustans, and government

could make an invaluable contribution to the development of imbahwe and "bus a right, to gether with other minorities, to freedom from discriminatory laws" to reasonable enjoyment of private property and a voice in the funire of a multi-racial society. Mrs Jane Fearnley-Whitingstall (Cirencester and Tewkesbury) saidthat as a white former Rhodesians she supported the maendment on behalf of white Rhodesians because it was the most democratic suggestion. With a few notable exceptions those whites who had not taken the chicken-run escape from Zimbabwe were not a community of rocial higots.

M: Richard Moore (Rye), who was given a standin govation at the end of his speech, said there was no question but that the return of Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister was ardently desired by the South African supporters of apartheld. She claimed her party stood for the values of family life, how could she equivocate about a system that fore apart family life in South Africa and denied a man and woman the right to live together and sleep together because one worked in a white area?

Scarman report backed

strikers withing to return if practicable.

The Liberal Party was known as

two umin parties and bring about electoral reform;

A commitment to introduce proportional representation at Westminster could be insisted upon only if the Liberal Party had thirty of forty MPs. That was why he urged the candidates to emphasize in their campaign speeches that with more Liberal MPs in Parliament the party could increase its moderating influence on the extremes of the two main parties and bring about I to him.

Press reports of the debate had mately reflected the deep contra of wost delegates about his lure to persuade the Government of the contacts. I have it this morting, he said. "I assure you that this strong od of dissettifaction among

Limit on investment in S Africa is urged

A resolution urging government action to limit lavestment in Southern Africa and to enforce "disinvestment" by British companies was carried by a large majority.

majority.

Delegates also decided to urge that after introduction of univer, sal suffrage by proportional representation the white minority could contribute to development of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and had the right to be free from discriminatory laws.

Mr Paul Hannon (National League of Young Liberals) moved the motion which deplored the support lent by British interests to repressive white repimes in Rhodesia and South Africa and "the illegal administrators of Namibia". It urged strict enforcement of sanctions, increased aid to Mozthe Bantustans, and government aparth action to limit investment in Southern Africa and enfroced "dishow content" by British companies.

Mr Roger Pincham (Leominster) in Southern which was and was carried, stating that after universal suffrage by proportional representation the white minority area?

A call for immediate implementation of the recommendations of the recommendations of the Scarman inquiry into the Grimber Mr. John Dancer (Aylesbury) at Mr. John Dancer (Aylesbury) at Amalgamated Union of Engineer Mr John Dancer (Aylesbury) an Amalgamated Union of Engineer-ing Workers' shop steward, was loudly cheered when he began: "To follow an obvious anti-trade endorsed Mr David Cox (Young Liberals), who opened the debate, commen-ded the recommendation that Grunwick should reinstate all

strikers withing to return it. The Liberal Party was known as practicable.

Mr lan Senior (Hemei Hempstead)

said there were trade union members at Grunwick before the dispute. Some of those who began the strike deliberately engineered deliberately engineered deliberately engineered deliberately engineered deliberately engineered deliberately engineered a right which took away manage-

Impasse over Windscale radioactivity threat

From Pearce Wright Science Editor

Two of the main participants at the public inquiry into the building of a £600m nuclear reprocessing plant at Windscale have reached an impasse over the assessment of the threat of an accident at the plant. Mr Justice Parker, the inspector, was unable yesterday to resolve the difficulty, which has been present since disagreement was first voiced several weeks ago.

The dispute is between British Nuclear Fuels, which wishes to build the plant, and the Political Ecology Group, represented by Mr Peter Taylor, of Oxford University, with the support of a network of universit ylecturers and research workers.

At the centre of the argument is a computer programme, Tirion, which is designed to calculate possible deaths after an accidental release of a

School film led

admit mugging

A girl aged 15 from Stock-

vell, London, confessed to a

mugging after seeing a crime

prevention film at school, it

was stated at the Ceptral

Criminal Court yesterday. Mr

Justice Watkins placed her on

The girl pleaded guilty to

on April 15 last in St John's

Hill, Battersea, Her companion,

pleaded guilty to the robbery, was given a six-month sentence

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Ecology Group suggests that a reprocessing plant would be a potential source of radiation potential source of radiation similar to, but more serious than a nuclear reactor. That proposition is based on a study by the West German Institute of Reactor Safety, which examined potential risks if tanks of highly active waste at a reprocessing plant boiled, or if cooling water leaked from storage ponds in which speat nuclear fuel rods are kept for more than a year before repromore than a year before repro-

-There has been little reason to consider such a nightmarish prospect in the United Kingdom

cloud of radioactive material.

The programme was mentioned in a report tast week from the National Radiological Protection Board which assessed possible risks from an accident at a fast breeder reactor and foresaw up to 60,000 deaths in the worst circumstances.

Evidence from the Political Ecology Group suggests that a reprocessing plant would be a potential source of radiation dissipate.

would be for light water reactor fuel from Japan and elsewhere. The way in which these elements are "burnt up" in a reactor creates spent fuel rods containing a far greater amount of radioactive waste than those from existing British power stations. When packed into a cooling pond the light water fuel rods would have an immense amount of energy to dissipate.

Neither British Nuclear Fuels nor the Nuclear Installations Insoectorate have conducted an analysis of the sort of accident suggested by the Political Ecology Group, largely because such a catastrophe is regarded as involving too incredible a set of circumstances.

The computer programme.

The computer programme, Tirion, devised by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Autho-rity, has become a focal point for the dispute because it proder such a nightmarish vides a general method for fore-in the United Kingdom casting the dispersal of radio-The risk arises now active clouds. A copy of this the proposed plant programme was made available

analysis by computer and by mathematicians assisting the ecology group and what appeared to be a fundamental error in the programme has disturbed some of the experts.

That is not their main cause for concern. Their analysis uses assumptions derived from the German study about conditions in a reprocessing plant. British Nuclear Fuels has indicated its reterior of challenging some of this work, arguing that conditions at Windscale will be different.

The Political Ecology Group would like data from British Nuclear Fuels about the assumptions needed for Windscale, so that the group or an independent body can prepare forecasts of accident risks. British Nuclear Fuels would

like to deal with the assump-tions used by the objectors first before collaborating any further.
And there the matter rests.

Children's beatings as a fact of life

Children growing up in care.

One child said: "A lot of us are in care because our parents were not good to us, and if the staff do bad things to kids what are those kids robbing a girl aged 17 of £76 aged 18, of Barrersea, who also batter them, that's what."

By Par Healy

The report, compiled by a care lead to low expectations
Social Services Correspondent group of 14 children in care as by their teachers, their peers part of a two-year project by and potential employers. the National Children's Bureau, More than 100,000 c according to a report today. now in care on how they are they expect to be "knocked about" by staff because they often see violence in the combranch of social work, said yesmunity homes they live in, by staff towards children and vice wersa.

One child said: "A lot of us up in care.

up in care. The main concern of the children in care is that they are stigmatized and assumed to be there because of some crimgoing to do when they are inal act, when most of them grown up and have kids of are in care because of family their own? They are going to circumstances. The assumpcircumstances. The assump-tions made about children in

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AUGUSTUS BARNETT-AROUND LONDON

in Britain accept corporal is believed to be the first to are in care in England and punishment as a fact of life, present the views of children Wales, costing the community more than £150m a year.

The children who coutri-buted to the report have devised a seven-point "charter of rights for young people in care", including the right to be accepted and treated as indiwith the same respect accorded to other members of the human

Who Cares? Young People in Care Speak Out, edited by Raissa Page and G. A. Clark. (National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1, £1.50.)

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Secondment scheme for teachers welcomed

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
There has been an enthusiastic response from local education authorities to a pilot
scheme for 60 teachers of
mathematics and science to be
seconded for a term to gain
first-hand experience in industry. It already looks as if there
will be many more candidates
than there are places.
The scheme, which is a joint
project by the institutions of
electrical and mechanical engineers, offers a scholarship of
£750 to each teacher, £300 of
which is to finance a research

which is to finance a research project on curriculum develop ment once the teacher returns to his or her school, and the rest to cover expenses. The teacher will continue to receive

full normal pay from the local education authority.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has welcomed the scheme as one of several being developed to foster closer links between the schools and industry.

In a letter of Mr. Alan Beith In a letter to Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick upon Tweed, the Liberal Party spokesman on education, Mrs Williams says she is exploring all possibilities of extending schemes for teachers to gain experience in industry, but that "so far, I

industry, but that "so far, I am encountering serious problems, not least about financing any such schemes at a time of economic stringency".

The money for the pilot scheme has been put up by members of the two institutious, and also in donations from bodies such as the Leverhulme Trust. GKN and Shell. "Countless offers" have been received from companies who would be from companies who would be

willing to give jobs to teachers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers said.

The scheme is to run for three years during the spring and summer terms. The first intake of 10 teachers, who are coming from Leeds, Stafford-shire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Lancashire, starts in January with a one-week introductory course at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, followed by about 10 weeks in a company, and ending with another week at the poly-

Not everyone is happy, how-ever, with the idea of science and mathematics teachers being taken away from schools at time when there is already a shortage of about 1,600 teachers in those subjects in England and Wales. Mr Fred Jarvis, genand wates. Mr Fred Jarvis, gen-eral secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said yester-day that the Secretary of State should look closely at the effects on staff and resources cuts. He insisted that replacements must be found for the seconded teachers.

Discrimination alleged

against women An analysis of jobs found by graduates shows continuing and

widespread discrimination against women by employers in many sectors, the National Union of Students says in a submission to the Department of Employment, published today. Employers appear particularly prejudiced against women graduates in applied sciences, where unemployment is twice

that for made graduates, the union says. There was also evidence that certain types of work, such as personnel and welfare, are rerarded as "women's work' while financial work is con sidered a man's field.

The union admits that women's expectations, as well as employers, may have mile. enced the pattern of women's jobs. It calls on the Equal Opportunities Commission to be more active in recruitment and for more careers guidance for women at college. It expresses concern at the

high proportion of graduates still seeking permanent jobs six months after leaving university.

Councillor is cleared of fraud

Hugh Brannan, aged 70, for-mer Labour group leader on the old Lanarkshire County Council, was acquitted at Hamil-ton Sheriff Court yesterday on charges of defrauding the council and Strathclyde Regional Council of £1,400 by falsely claiming loss of earnings.

Mr Brannan, of Lea Rig, Forth, a member of Strathclyde Regional Council, was found not guilty on the direction of Sheriff Douglas Grant.

Lost trawler theory

A tarpaulin boat cover believed to be from the Hull
trawler, Gaul, which disappeared with all 36 hands off
the Norwegian coast in February, 1974, was picked up by
the Fleetwood trawler Hewett
off northern Norway and has
been handed to the Department of Trade, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mormon case remand Joyce McKinney, aged 27, and Keith Joseph May, aged 24, both Americans, were further remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Epsom, Surrey, yesterday, charged with forcibly abducting, assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning Mr Kirk Anderson, a Morman missionary, at Lower Halstock, Okehampton, Devon.

Post Office safe theft A safe containing about \$12,000 was stolen by a gang from a sub-post office in Swindon, Wiltshire, on Wednesday night.

M Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, chats with Herr Brandt (right) in Bonn yesterday before his meeting with Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, for talks on European questions.

Chirac magic evokes Gaullist spirit as he attacks Union of Left

From Ian Murray

The Gaullist vision of a strong independent France created by strong independent French men and women was conjured up again this evening by M Jacques Chirac, the party leader, before a packed audience of delegates and citizens of Menton.

WEST EUROPE

Evoking the spirit of General de Gaulle, he sought to rise above the present political squabbles by saying: "Our group has no frontiers; we ask nothing of the French other than that they do their duty towards France".

He began predictably by

He began predictably by attacking the Union of the Left. The conference adjourned from the Casino to the larger Palais d'Europe so the public could witness his expected tongue-lashing and he did not disappoint them.
A Socialist-Communist govern-

ment-or Socialist government, he saw no reason to differenti-

ideas that were alreday out of date when they were formula-ted in the last century. "Our adversaries have not changed. The menace is the same," he

For the Gaullists it mattered not how the Union of the Left formed up to fight next year's election. They were still a real danger to France.

He spent some time attacking nationalization, the key issue which has put the Union of the Left in peril. The Communists were right, he said, there really was no difference between their ideas on the subject and those of the Socialists. even if the initial scale was dif-

Gaullists could envisage the need for nationalization to prevent a foreign takeover of a French company. But basically

making a scarcely-veiled criti-cism of the liberalism of Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing and the economic policies of M Barre, the Prime Minister.

Liberalism, he said, no longer faced up to the problems of the country and M Barre's economic measures were moving too slowly to expand the economy sufficiently and to sup unemployment.

Gaullists would therefore stand proudly as Gaullists at the election even though the party would remain loyal to the majority coalition.

M Michel Debré, one of five former Prime Ministers at the conference, had earlier pounded home the need for the party to stand up for an independent France. National solidarity, he said, was the key to the prob-lems facing the country.

M Debré's strong defence of an independent France caught the mood of the conference the whole idea ran counter to an independent France caught the right to own property. The mood of the conference He then ended his attack by and drew its longest applause.

EEC move Gulf grows wider between parties of French left to open trade talks

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Sept 29

Hard on the decision of the Hard on the decision of the EEC and Comecon, the East European economic organization, to begin formal talks mext spring on closer cooperation, the Nine were today asked by the European Commission to authorize the opening of trade negotiations with China, if possible before the end of the year.

The purpose of the pegotic.

The purpose of the negotia-tions would be the conclusion agreement of the type proposed by the EEC to all communist countries at the end of 1974. The aim would be to improve mutual access to markets by re-ducing quotas and other re-strictions on trade.

Among the provisions en-visaged in the agreement would be to grant the Chinese most favoured nation status. The creation of a joint committee is also proposed which would meet at regular intervals to review the functioning of the agree-ment and examine further ways of developing economic rela-

The Commission's request to the Council of Ministers for a negotiating mandate is the result of a successful visit to Peking last July by a team of trade officials who were struck by the strong Chinese interest in a trade agreement. Until then there had been little progress because of China's internal turnoil.

Previous trade agreements be-tween individual EEC member states and China expired at the end of 1974, and since early 1975 the EEC as a whole has unilaterally imposed quantitative restrictions on trade with China and other communist China and other communist countries. Romania is so farthe only other eastern block country to have shown interest in a new trade agreement.

At present China's exports are of only marginal interest to the Nine, and both ideology and self-interest make Peking reluctor to commit itself in a

and self-interest make Peking reluctant to commit itself to a balance of payments deficit. China's trade with the outside world still accounts for less than 5 per cent of its national product and only about 2 per cent of world trade

The EEC is already China's second biggest trading partner after Japan. The latest year for which reliable figures are available here is 1975, when the EEC imported products worth \$742m (£424m) from China and exported \$1,322m (£755m),

\$742m (£424m) from China and exported \$1,322m (£755m), leaving the Chinese with a deficit of \$580m (£331m).

With the ousting of the radical "gang of four", there is evidence that the principle of self-reliance is now being interpreted more flexibly to mean, in the words of the People's Duily, that "China can learnmuch from the experience and products of other countries". Peking's preference, however, is for trade by barter, with imports of capital goods and factories being paid for by exports of raw or semi-processed materials produced or exploited by these installations.

Miles beats Smyslov

Tabuse, Hohand Sept 29.—
Tony Miles of Britain beat Vassily Smyslov, the Soviet former world chess champion, in the lifth round of the Interpolis tournament yesterday. He now shares the lead with four other players, including Anaroly Former the present the present transpoint.

It is now clearer than ever

The open rift in the Union of the Left caused by the breakdown of the summit negotiations last week has grown wider efter the press confer-ence of M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, and a speech by M Georges Marchais, the secretary of the Communist Party, at a mass meeting in Paris last night.

Both proclaimed their loyalty to the Union of the Left but refused to budge an inch from their respective positions, and both appealed to the mass of left-wing voters for support

that Socialists and Communists have widely different concepts of the kind of society that a government of the left should seek to establish. Even if they do manage to piece tegether the broken china of their union. it is likely to be no more than a union to win the parliamentary elections next March.

. M Mitterrand emphasized last night that the argument ice was not only about nationalization but about collectivization and state bureaucracy. M Mar- ers chais insisted that the scope aric of nationalization was closely cont



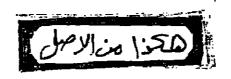
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From Welliam Chislen Madrid, Sept 29

A royal decree reestablishing the Generalitat, the Catalan autonomous government suppressed by General Franco durenacted tonight by a special session of the Spanish Cabinet. The decree was approved unanimously today by the parliamentary committee for urgent

Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, called the Cabinet meeting last night after agreement had been reached in Perpignan, France, with Señor Tarradellas, Josep Generalitat president in exile, and Catalan politicians for the provisional reestablishment of the Generalitat while full terms are worked out under a new

Under the agreement Senor Tarradellas, who is 78, will return to Barcelona to preside over a new Generalitat, which will include representatives of the main political parties, seven advisers and a representative from each of the four provincial delegations which make

The signatories promised to respect the principle of the unity of Spain and agreed that of the Generalitat would not condition its future make-up the constitution

The reference to the "unity of Spain" was probably in-serted into the agreement in

Sugar states

Geneva Sept 29.—The main sugar-exporting countries

reached agreement today on world market quotas only one

day before a 72-nation con-ference for a new sugar trade treaty was due to end here.

Sources said Cuba, Brazil and Australia accepted a com-

promise on connages for their annual export s which gives Cuba a quota of 2.5 million tons, and Brazil and Australia

sugar-exporting nations repre

countries to work out a new

their quotas had held up dis-

cussion on all other aspects of

escaped from a jail here today.

five days after six people got

away from the same prison.-

"burning Jews" during a drinking session in Munich

earlier this year.

According to the report, pub-

kshed in today's Frankfurter Rundschau, eight or 10 drunken officers wrote "Jew"

on a piece of cardboard, threw

it on the fire, shouted "Sieg

The participants were all

studying at the Munich army

college where West German officers take university-level

courses, the newspaper said. It

claimed that they also scrawled swastikas over their essays.
Herr Georg Leber, the

W German officers said

to have sung Nazi songs

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Sept 29
The Defence Ministry has Students either in the officer

ordered an investigation into a corps or the army's colleges. report that a group of West The investigation would be German army officers played at rigorous and he wanted to know

Heil" and sang Nazi songs as emphasized that the episode it burned. was not typical of the spirit in

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who are opposed to autonomy on the ground that it means breaking up" Spain. Earlier this month more than

a million Catalans paraded through the streets of Baring the Civil War, is being celona to celebrate their national day and demand the restoration of the Generalitat. The agreement comes after tortuous discussions and squabbles among the different

Catalan parties.
Señor Suarez may decide, once the Generalitat is back, to appoint a minister for Cata-lonia. In the June general election his Democratic Centre Union party did badly in Cata-lonia where the Socialists and Communists won most of the

If Senor Jordi Pujol, leader of the liberal Democratic Con-vergence of Catalonia, could be persuaded to enter the Government, Señor Suarez's position in the Cortes would be strengthened. So far the Government's attempts at winning Catalan support have been met with demands for the restoration of the Generalitet.

restoration of the Generalitat,

among other things. Madrid, Sept 29.-Under the decree all questions of administration and local government will be decided by the 15 mini-sters of the Generalizat. Foreign affairs, defence questions and state budgetary matters will still be decided by the Madrid

The Caralonian Premier will be nominated by the Cabinet and named by the King. He will be both the representative of Catalan people and a type of high commissioner for the Spanish Government in the

France firm

limits ruling

on sea

Rhodesia Catholic body welcomes Mr Smith's suggestion of inquiry into atrocity allegations

ative to be confirmed and for the British Government or the

United Nations to reply to the

Chief Jeremy Chirau, leader f the Zimbabwe African Peo-

ment, saying that his group should be afforded similar faci-

Political observers see the

invitation to Lord Carver and

his United Nations colleague as

a shrewd move by Mr Smith, who dislikes long-distance con-frontation and relishes meeting

invitation.

Salisbury, Sept 29

OVERSEAS

The Roman Catholic Justice, because and Peace Commission said strictly not sub judice, related today it was "extremely to the substance of charges happy" to learn that Mr Ian presently being formulated happy" to learn that Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime would welcome an independent inquiry into its allegations of atrocities com-mitted by some members of the Rhodesian security forces.

In a BBC programme on Monday Mr Smith said such allegations were a figment of the commission's imagination. A commission spokesman said today that his organization had asked repeatedly for five years for such an inquiry. It would be glad to cooperate with any independent and impartial commission of inquiry genuinely concerned

ascertaining the truth The spokesman said that contrary to suggestions made recently by Mr Roger Hawkins, the Minister of Defence, in a newspaper interview in Saisbury, allegations by the com-mission could certainly be sub-

stantiated. In the interview Mr Hawkins, who handles the defence and combined operations portfolios, was extremely critical of the British Government for being prepared to accept the commission's findings which he said were not substantiated. He said with was the sort of propagenda put out by Nazi Germany, the tactics being that if enough mud is thrown, some was bound to stick.

The commission spokesman said an honest examination of the atrocity allegations might eventually contribute towards achieving its aims of bringing peace and reconciliation to the people of Rhodesia. The commission was anxious to debate its allegations.

secure the safety of the passen-

Critics pointed our tonight

nations, including West Germany, had not complied with

terrorist demands as readily as

Japan has today. In reply, a

overnment spokesman said: This is a different situation.

The aircraft is in Dacca-not

West Germany, where the police and armed forces are trained to

concern is to save the lives of

The decision to free the pris-

oners and pay the ransom was

transmitted to the hijackers on a "hotline" to the control

tower in Dacca this morning.

However, the Government pointed out that it would be physically impossible to trans-

port the nine prisoners and the

huge amount of money to Bang-ladesh befor ethe deadline ex-

It was believed that govern-

time to assemble the nine pris-

Early today, after a pre-dawn meeting of the Cabinet, the Government had decided to pay

the ransom, but had balked at demands for the release of many of Japan's most danger-ous and fanatical terrorists.

But the hijackers issued more threats from the aircraft during

a conversation with Japanese diplomats in the control tower

at Dacca airport. They said they would murder all the

today deplored the delivery of

arm: to African nations. He was replying in Kiev to questions from Tass news agency and Ukraman television.

Asked for his opinion of international cooperation simed

at strengthening détente. Dr

Coggan welcomed efforts directed at securing peace, but

he added: "I must say I deplore the sending of arms,

for example to the peoples of

Africa, which can only increase

the danger of a terrible out-

He said it was " an apalling waste of God's good gifts " for

the world's resources to be used

for destructive purposes, particularly in the Third World.

The Soviet Union supplies a number of African countries

and nationalist movements with

weapons, including Somalia and Ethiopia, now fighting a war

over the Ogaden desert.

break of hostilities *.

Dr Coggan deplores supply

Moscow, Sept 29.—The church leaders in Moscow and Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, in remarks apparently directed at the Soviet Union, groups should have complete groups and a street and a street of the complete groups.

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pired.

It felt some constraint in predecessors to Salisbury, and ping so at present in public welcomed Mr Andrew Young, doing so at present in public the issues, while the United States representarive at the United Nations, to Salisbury at the beginning of the month.

ugainst certain commission ing people face to face he can put them in the "true pic-The invitation by Mr Smith ture" about Rhodesia and not rely on second hand reports.

A visit here by the two men would enable Mr Smith to give to the Resident Com-missioner-designate, Lord Car-ver, and the United Nations representative to visit Rhodesia for discussions on the Anglo-American settlement proposals was the main news item in local newspapers today them a first hand insight into them a first hand insignt into Rhodesia's complexities and meet a cross-section of all races of people whose destinies they might well heip to decide in the near future. At the same time Mr Smith would be able to weigh them up, and his assessment of representatives was given prominence on radio and television broadcasts. So far there has been no reaction from African nationalists assessment of representatives of the British Government and or the other white political the United Nations, both of The Government is now which he distrusts, is bound to influence his final decision on waiting for the appointment of the United Nations represent-

whether or not to accept the Anglo-American proposals./ New York, Sept 29.—The Security Council deferred a decision on the proposed appointment of a United Nations representative for Rhodesia after Mr Nkomo had raised unexpected conditions ple's Organization, has com-plained about Mr Josua Nkomo, the African nationalist leader, being allowed to address the Security Council on the United Nations appointlast night.

Mr Nkomo, co-chairman of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front, said Dr Kurt Walcheim, the Secretary-General, must name the representative in close consultation with the Security Council and the parties to the Rhodesian conflict. His duties, powers and functions should be determined by the same procedures.

frontation and relishes meeting opponents head on. He jumped at the chance to meet Dr Henry Kissinger, the former United States Secretary of State, last September in Pretoria, invited Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and his procedures. Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Bishop Muzorewa, the Rhodesian nationalist leader, arrived in London yesterday on a five-day private visit. He said that recent developments to fine the Foreign Secretary, and his

Mr Smith feels that by meet-

Brenda and Linda before they were separated.

Siamese twins are parted

Manhasset, New York, Sept 29.—Siamese twins Linda and Brenda McCall have been successfully separated by a team of 15 surgeons. They have been apart for two days, but already they miss each other.
Dr Rita Harper said today

that the girls sleep close together in the hospital nursery

deliberately to undermine United States efforts to recon-

vene Middle East peace talks. it asked the United Nations to

reconsider the resolution that granted Israel membership.

Mr Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, echoing Mr Fahmi, his Egyptian counterpart, told the General Assembly that the Israelis were pushing the Middle East towards an explosion that would "imperil the whole world" Mr

Rhadden, who talked to President Carter in Washington yes

terday, said that in seeking to annex the West Bank and the

Gaza Strup " Israel "aims to

undermine the efforts exerced

by the United States Secretary

of State (Mr Cyrus Vance) to

Mr Vance has returned to

New York for more of his pri-vate "proximity talks" with various foreign ministers and

other delegaces on the fringes

of the General Assembly. Mr Fahmi saw Mr Vance

and said afterwards he was

and Said afterwards he was
"optimistic" that the Geneva
conference could reconvene
before the end of the year.
In a move clearly designed
to sway Israel, the Carter
Administration is openly discussing with Arab leaders a

ference reconvened.

Syria blames Israelis

New York, Sept 29.—Syria "My meeting with Mr Vance accused Israel today of trying reflects the seriuosness with

it asked the United Nations to by almost the end of the reconsider the resolution that year". Mr Fahmi said. "All

moving

tion.

for peace delays

tion they were when joined. She said they cry and are irritable when placed far apart, but the noise and fussing stops when the girls are back together, facing each other. The girls, almost seven months old and joined since birth at the breastbone and

outer margins of the rib cage, were separated in a four-and-ahalf-hour operation on Tuesday at North Shore University

The doctors said they believe the girls were the first black

or birth. Now they are about 911b each — UPI.

"My meeting with Mr Vance

which the United States is

Geneva in a constructive way

our contacts with Americans

pared remarks to the General

Assembly, stopped short of demanding Israel's expulsion

from the United Nations. His remarks, although strong, were softer than those normally

terms similar to Mr Khad-

dam's, of damaging hopes for

Washington: Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

said today that the United States has given Israel its word that the Palestinians at any

Middle East peace talks would

not be represented by the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

peace in the Middle East.

expected from Syria.

Mr Khaddam, in his pre-

prove we are moving there."

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US warning of 1 on nuclear

Congress backing

for neutron

Washington, Sept. 29.-The

House of Representatives voted today to proceed with research

on developing a neutron weapon which kills people but

leaves buildings intact.
The vote of 297-109 was tr.

defeat an amendment that would have written the bar

ban into a Bill authorizing

energy research and develop ment programmes for the 1977 fiscal year that starts or

fiscal year that starts of October 1.

President Carter urger approval of the research se that authority would be available, if he decided after further

study to proceed with develop ment of the weapon. The neutron weapon could be

used as a warhead on ar artillery shell or incorporate into a bomb, but its purpose is to be a defensive weapon it

relatively close combat when

troops in tanks or bunkers of other shelters could be wine

out by radiation rather than

Mr Theodore Weiss, a Demo crat from New York and author of the amendment of ban the weapon, described it is

inhumane" and a possible

trigger for all-out nuclear wa

if it were used even on limited scale.

Mr Charles Wilson, a Denne

bomb

dent Carter was advised yes terday that the United State should stop building nuclear power plants unless it can prove that radioactive waste can be disposed of safety.

The recommendation

The council also called i edoption of a national police te change the base of the nomy from nuclear and for fuels to solar energy.

council member, in a spec-to be made at a conference the American Law Institt and the American Bar Associ-tion. Mr Chaim Herzog, Israel's representative at the United Nations, yesterday accused Mr Fahmi, who spoke earlier in

function is toadvice the first dent on environmental issue. He said the recommendation have been circulated amon

Mr Speth, a former environmental activist, said the nuclei plant orders had come to near-standstill in the past to years, partly because of serious unsolved problems, he said.

He said one of the most region with the past to years, partly because of the most region with the past to years.

Yamit, Israeli-occupied Egypt: Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said here that Israel accepted the four-point United States proposal for reconven-ing the Geneva conference ing the Geneva conference exactly as President Carter presented it to Mr Dahyan. -UPI, AP and Agence

crat from California, manage of the Bill, called for th defeat of Mr Weiss's amend ment to meet President Carter' request. He said it was only in the research stage an in the research stage and required further study. Congress still would have to approve actual production and deployment of the weapon it was pursued.—UPL.

separated.
The twins weighed 111b each

power waste Washington, Sept 29.--Presi-

made by the Council on Environmental Quality which urged the President to set a deadline for demonstrating that public health would not be en

The recommendations were revealed by Mr Gus Speta

Mr Speth, an in interview said he was speaking to the three member council man

the Administration

serious problems was what to do with radioactive waste from reactors and fuel processing plants, which must be isolated for as long as a half million years.—AP.

Hijackers release five hostages

Continued from page 1 Paris, Sept 29 France has rejected a British

request for a modification of Japan " The the limits of the continental shelf between the two countries decided by an international arbitration court last July:

M Guy de la Charriere, the head of the legal department of the Quai d'Orsay, told the press today that in the French view the court's verdict was "definitive and obligatory". The formula still requires the approval of the other The modifications demanded by Britain affected some 300

sented at Geneva, many of them developing countires. Once this is given, the expoerters will meet importing sq miles attributed to France. The issue is of importance to the two countries oil rights. A week ago the British Government made it known that it took issue with the court's decision in two areas-

thre largest exporters over the Channel Islands and the Western Approaches, southwest of the Isles of Scilly. The British case for a review is based on the contention that mistakes were made by experts appointed to draw the bound-

ary line in accordance with principles kaid down by the L'Aquila, Italy, Sept 29.— Three teenage prisoners, one of them held on a murder charge, arbitration Under the arrengements either party may refer to the court within three months of the decision any dis-pute regarding its "meaning

why he first heard of the alleged incident through the

parliamentary questions asking for a full explanation. One of

them, the Free Democratic Party's security spokesman, Herr Jürgen Möllemann,

the West German army.

The president of the Munich

Jewish community, Dr Hans Lamm, expressed "horror and

dread" at the report. Even though the officers were drunk,

they were clearly expressing their true sentiments, he said.

Two deputies have tabled

passengers and crew and latinch a global programme of terrorism." released illegally—against the whole concept of justice in

The Government believes that the terrorists are armed with grenades, explosives and a 38 pistol. The Japanese security police also suspect that the group is comprised of hardened guernillas who have participated in previous acts of international Government was also thrown into confusion tonight when one of the radical Toshio Omura, refused to accompany the other eight detainees on the flight to

The DC8, a Japanese Air Lines aircraft, was hijacked on a Paris-Tokyo flight soon after it left Bombay for Bangkok. Ministry thought it certain that the hijacked airliner would eventually set course for the Middle East; but officials were not sure whether Labya, Syria or South Yemen would accept The Cabinet decided that when the prisoners land in tomorrow, they will be handed over to the hijackers the terrorists. only after Japanese officials The group of prisoners named negotiate with the terrorists to

by the terrorists to be flown to Dacca, comprises seven wellknown terrorists and two com-mon criminals charged with murder and robbery. They Ayako Daidoji, a woman aged 28, a member of the East

Asia anni Japan Armed Front, which launched a series of bombing attacks against big Japanese enterprises in 1974.
Yukiko Ekira, charged with
a bumb attack against the Mirson Trading Company;

Yasuhiro Uegaki, aged 28, a member of the Red Army who was charged with a series of bank robberies in 1971;

Isao Chinen, who hurled a petrol bomb at Crown Prince Akihito during the International Ocean Exposition in Okinawa in 1975; Toshio Omura, a former

student activist aged 23, who was deported to Japan from Canada last year on suspicion if planting a bomb in the offices the Public Security Bureau of the Public Security Bureau in Kyoto in the early seventies. ment officials were still attempting to collect the \$6m—to be paid in \$100 notes—from Tokyo banks tonight. The Japanese police said this is the largest Another terrorist on the list, Junzo Okudaira, is the younger brother of a Japanese radical who was killed during the Lod airport massacre in Israel in

amount ever extorted by criminal means in Japan's history.
The authorities also required jackers today released two American and three Indian passengers, reducing the number of their hostages from 151 to

> Japanese Air Lines said that among non-Japanese passengers on board were 10 Americans and 10 Egyptians as well as people from Indonesia. Korea, India, the Philippines, New Zea-land, Australia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, K. Greece and Jordan.—AP

groups should have complete freedom to worship, write and

He had been struck by the high number of believers in the

Soviet Union, but felt there was

a need for more priests and more buildings, particularly

since many churches were now

I have visited two synagogues, at the shortage of rabbis, and

in Kiev, Dr Coggan visited a church of the unofficial Reformed Baptist denomination

yesterday.

He discussed the case of one of the church's leaders, Georgy

Vins, now serving a five-year

sentence in a labour camp on charges of inciting illegal acts.

Dr Coggan was flying on to

"I have been impressed, as

conscience

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Dr Owen warns Russia on detente By Our Diplomatic

Correspondent
A warning that the Soviet Union must give up its "desta-bilizing efforts" in the world at large, as a necessary part of detente, was given by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, last night. It was comained in his address

his address to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

There can be no lasting and stable peace in the world if attempts to find peaceful solutions in different con-tinents are sabotaged either by other nations acting on behalf of major participants in the ideological struggle, or encouraging solutions by force modern or obsolescent weapons ", he stated.

Dr Owen's remarks, coming at this time, will certainly be read as a warning to Moscow not to undercut the Anglo-American attempt to bring peace to Rhodesia. Discussion of the British proposed for a United Nations representative, Security Council, was continuing in New York last night, with the Soviet support still in

doubt. Dr Owen, who had flown to Chicago to deliver a speech on detente and human rights, said that the basic premise he held was that detente was indivi-sible and did not stop in Europe, Africa or Asia. It was right to resist destabilizing acts wherever they occurred.
"It is wholly unacceptable to
us that any power should fos-

ter, exploit or aggravate uns-table situations in order to extract advantage", Dr Owen

"Irresponsible behavoour in areas beyond the boundaries of Europe and North America will have a direct effect on the way in which public opinion within Europe and North America evaluates the detente

WITH THE Belgrade review conference opening next week, Dr Owen's further comment that in the debate over human struck will also be noted in Moscow.

"We must try to bring the Soviet Union and its partners to realize that our concern for human rights is not a diversionary tactic, nor a provoc-ative campaign, nor an attempt to sabotage detente. On the contrary, it is an integral part of our foreign policy throughout the world."

out the world."

But it was no use asking for rapid change. The golden rule must be that neither side should pursue policies which threatened the structure of decente itself. In practice this meant disninguishing between principles and the means employed to put them into effect.

direct role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in the Uganda 'fails to pay recompense'

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Sep€ 29

Mr Kassim Mwamzandi, a Kenyan Assistant Foreign Minister, told Parliament here today that Uganda had not honoured an undertaking given 13 months ago to pay compensation for Kenyan lives and property lost in Uganda since the military government took power there in 1971.

Answering a backbench MP's question on what had happened to the memorandum of understanding signed at a peace meeting between Kenya and Uganda in August last year, he said arrangements were in hand for a new meeting of experts, including the attorneys-general of both countries.

of both countries.

When the MP asked for a declaration of war, the assistant minister said this was not possible, although Kenya would not hesitate to retaliate in case of aggression. He told another member that reports of Kenya which there in Uranda since yans being shot in Uganda since the signing of the agreement would be taken up at the forth-

Epidemic of 'cholera type' disease confirmed in Iran Teheran. Sept. 29.—Health that the Government was tro authorities here today admitted

for the first time that a "cholera type" disease has reached epidemic proportions in Iran, affecting 1,492 people and killing 47 in the Teheran A Health Ministry anouncement said the disease, called El

Tor, had his other parts of the country, but did not give details. Ministry of Health " Thé informs countrymen that El Tor, the cholera type disease.

has been seen in endemic and epidemic form in the country over the past 10 years, the statement said. "This year, too, the disease was detected in regions of the

was detected in regions of the country and, due to the fact that other neighbouring countries in the region were affected and there was a lot of traffic, a larger number of victims of the cholera type disease occurred in Iran." The disease was "completely under control and there is no cause disease was "completely under control and there is no cause

Earlier this month the ministry denied a report from. medical sources saying several hundred cholera cases had occurred in Iran. It also denied

that the Government was trying to cover up an outbreak of the plea

A cholera epidemic has been pick a sweeping the Middle East of \$\ \text{116} \text{300} \\ \text{116} \text{300} \\ \text{300} \ Today's amouncement saittrat, since March 21, altogeth 330 people have been treated for El Tor in the town of Quan 66 miles south of Teheral

"Thirteen of those patient have died", it said. In addition, our of 2,840 per sons suffering from seven dysentery and vombinal admitted to Teheran hospitals 1,162 were found to be suffer ing from the cholera strain in

A large number of dyster tery and vomiting patients at coming to hospitals these day but most of them are not found to be cholera patients. The amouncement said UPL our Ankara Corresponder writes: The Turkish Ministry writes: The Turkish Ministry of the people had been admired to hospital in south-easier to h

from Syria and were found a be infected during routine med-cal controls at the fromier.

Judge's inquiry into Gandhi 'excesses'

From Our Correspondent Delhi, Sept 29

The inquiry by Mr Justice Shah, a former Chief Justice of I hink that our Jewish friends are feeling the lack of rabbis very seriously, he said. India, today began into excesses and misuse of authority during the emergency declared when Mrs Indira Gandhi was Prime As well as meeting leaders of the officially sanctioned Orthodox and Baptist churches

Minister. The first two cases taken up related to the failure to confirm Mr Justice Ladit, additional judge of the Bombay High Court, and the demotion of Mr Justice Aggarwal, of the Delhi High Court, to the session

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Mr H. R. Gokhale, the Law Minister in Mrs Gandhi's Cabinet, blamed the former Prime Minister for taking action

against the two judges. Mr said the allegations made Gokhale said Mrs Gandhi did against him were incorrect. Mr not give any reasons for her justice Aggarwal was one of the decisions, which were contrary two judges who ordered should be the recommendations.

other authorities.

Mr Gokhale said there was a note from the secretary of the opening of the the effect that the Prime Minister's secretariar had told him on the telephone that it is not by the commission were being taken up first because, from a perusal of the files supplied by the Government, "it appears the Government that had be the files supplied by the Government, "it appears the Government, "it appears the Government that had be the files supplied by the Government that had be the files supplied by the government that had be the files supplied by the government." Gendhi's Government]
Mr Goldale said he had written a long note to Mrs Gandhi

decisions, which were contrary two judges who ordered the re-to the recommendations made lease of Mr Kuldip Nayar, the by him, the Chief Justice and Delhi correspondent of The other authorities.

of authority are disclosed?

Mr Sheh said his commission would seek to establish the about the confirmation of Mr facts but it had no Justice Aggarwal in which he convict any person.

Formula agreed for sharing water of Ganges Delhi, Sept 29.-India and

Ganges river waters, a Forest Ministry spokesmen announced? The agreement was to initialled at midnight, he added

Several rounds of rails had been held over the past of years on India's diversion water into the Hoogali of the fleish our Calcutts por Renter.

The archbishop, who has the Armenian capital, been holding talks with Soviet later today.—Reuter.

died.

A large number of dystes

Bangladesh today reaches agreement on sharing this

No details were available.

The agreement concern sharing of water at the Farable burrage, near Calcust.

Congress urkey tells West it is ready backing o move towards a bomb olution of the Cyprus problem adamant and the Turkish Gov. States. They began it when Mr Frank when Mr Frank of State at the state of the Cyprus problem.

The Turkish Government has d Britain and the United tes that it is now ready and the to move towards a solution the Cyprus problem. Vir Cyrus Vance, the Ameri-

Mr Cyrus Vance, the Americal Secretary of State, and Mr an Sabri Caglayangil, the rkish Foregn Minister, are rely discussing a procedural mula in New York this week, der it the Turkish Governmt would make an agreed blic statement on how it entages the phased solution of Cyprus problem. In return American Government

American Government uld seek to have Congress ify the United States Turkish ity the United States Luraisus ience Cooperation Agreemt would end the bargo on arms and give they military aid worth (5588m) over four

there would be mutual safewards to ensure that both sides uld adhere to the agreement

the way.

The Turkish Government has
vays invoked in the past the
ernal strains and stresses of
right-wing coalition under
Suleyman Demirel to exin its negative response to
lier American initiatives on

of Necmottin Erbakan, the outy Prime Minister and der of the ultra-religious cional Salvation Party, one the coalition partners, always eatened to end the coalition ther than concede any terri-· v in Cyprus.

Western allies that it is in a position to negotiate a Cyprus settlement and enforce it-

to air some new ideas

developments. The Greek Government had resisted ettempts to bring Greece directly into the Cyprus negotiating process ou the ground that it was up to the Greek Cypriots to determine their political destiny. Although Archbishop

Although Archbishop Makarios's death may have affected this artitude, the

affected this attitude, the prospect of a general election in Greece in November is not likely to lower this resistance, particularly as there is little chance of a solution being reached before the Greek Cypriots elect a new President in February.

The present moves therefore

The present moves, therefore

if successful, may have to be limited to a Turkish Govern-ment commitment on Cyprus

combined with the ratification of the Defence Cooperation Agreement, both in readiness for more substantial negotia-

tions early next year.

The official Turkish view is that Greece and Turkey should take an acrive part when the intercommunal negotiations on Cyrpus are resumed. It is therefore proposed that the Brussels agreement which had been worked out by the Turkish and Greek foreign ministers in December, 1975, should be re-

The agreement provided for the creation of two subcommittees to operate in parallel line to the talks. One would deal with the constitutional issue and with the constitutional issue and
the federal powers, the other
with the territorial question.
Greece and Turkey would be
represented on the subcommittees by observers. The solution
in view would not be far from
what has been discussed before. The latest moves for a Cyprus

settlement coincided with the serious economic crisis in Turkey, leading many Turks to conclude that the United States was taking advantage of this to wrest concessions from them. There is no reason to believe that the United States is not simply eager to help Turkey at this difficult moment, and the grant of \$1,000m (£6000m) besides alleviating Turkey's heavy rearmaments bill, would increase its creditworthiness at a time of dire foreign exchange shortage.

These developments are the Now, there is evidence that culmination of combined efforts.

Erbakan may be less by Britain and the United

US Army academy comes under fire for failing to give cadets a proper education

A black mark for West Point

From Bernard Weipraub

States. They began in Ankara when Mr Frank Judd, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, came earlier this month carv academy is suffering from It was later agreed that since United States had the excellence. mediation mechanism

In a blung assessment, the refor Cyprus this effort should be port by three generals says that West Point is plagued by channelled through the Americans, especially in view of the Turkish Foreign Minister's poor morale, a lack of super-vision and planning, imellectual inbreeding, resistance to change, negative attitudes to-wards learning among cadets, scheduled visit to New York this month for the United Nations General Assembly. and even a pervasive lack of humour. There is also a lack of coherent institutional pur-A most point which Mr Vance intends to explore at a meeting with Mr Demerrios Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister, is the Greek attitude towards these

pose of the academy, the 176page study says.
Cadeus arrive at the academy wishing for and expecting to find a good education, but cerrain characteristics of the environment undercut academic programme.

" Although cadets continue to view the academic programme

Washington, Sept 29

An Army report has sharply officers, the system does not seem to support that view. It does not require uniformly high

relatively unqualified cadets to pass courses and graduate. Many cadets resolve this obvious inconsistency by adopting the attitude that, although education per se has impor-tance, studies at West Point are often irrelevant and merit only superficial approach."

In issuing the report, the study group has submitted 152 recommendations to General Bernard Rogers, the Army Chief of Staff. The proposals urge the Army to give cadets more time for serious academic work and less time to the many military, athletic and extracurricuhar activities

The study, set up last year after the worst cheating scandal in West Point's bistory, is ex-pected to serve as the basis for big changes at the academy,

Andrew Goodpaster, former Nato commander and adviser to four United States Presidents The report says that a prob

lem which may have contributed to the scandal was excessive demand on cadets, including time-wasting chores, resulting in scattered academic attention and limited opportunity for study in depth.
"We do not believe that esti tudes towards academic pursuits

are satisfactory among cadets in the lowest 60 to 70 per cent of each class", the report adds. The authors were Major-General Hillman Dickinson, of the Army's research, development and acquisition branch in the Pentagon; Major-General Jack Mackmull, Commander of the John F. Kennedy Centre the John F. Kennedy Centre for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg; and Brigadier-General Jack Merritt, a senior officer at 3rd Corps Headquarters in Fort Hood, Texas.—New York Times

Meningitis vaccine 'proved effective'

Washington, Sept 29

American doctors have repor-American doctors have repor-ted an important breakthrough in preventing one of the most common forms of bacterial meningitis. The disease, which causes serious inflammation of membranes covering the brain and the spinal cord, often leads to death or neurological dam-

According to Dr R crause, Director of

From Our Own Correspondent National Institute of Allergy Washington, Sept 29 and Infectious Diseases here, a new vaccine has been proved effective in immunizing children between the ages of three months and six years. This is the time when people are most susceptible to brain damage.

The vaccine, which was developed by American researchers to combat what is known as Group A meningococcal meningitis, has been tested on more than 70,000 Finnish children.

None of the children receiving the vaccine developed meningitis during a year of obser-vation, compared with 13 who caught the disease among 32,000 who were not immunized. Mr Krause described the out-come as "an important step

forward in the control of this devastating illness." Earlier tests had shown that the vaccine could be successfully used in immunizing older children and adults against the

Pakistan expected to postpone election

From Our Correspondent Islamabad, Sept 29

General Zia, Pakisran's military ruler, indicated today that general election arranged for October 18 would be postponed. He told reporters at a public function that his decision about postponement should known finally by October

After a meeting of the Military Council this evening, it was announced that the 23-year-old daughter of Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, would be put under house arrest until October 3 for making what the authorities described as provocative speeches.

The regime also warned Mrs Bhutto, who is acting as president of the Pakistan People's Party during the detention of her husband under martial law. to desist from making provocative statements and speeches.

Among significant recent public speeches made by Mrs Bhutto was one in which she gave a warning against post-ponement of elections on any pretext, asserting that the people were behind her hus-band. She had said if elections were blocked it would lead to

revolution.
Miss Benazir Bhutto, a former president of the Oxford Union, has elso been campaigning for her father. In one of her most recent speeches she said that the was sent to the gallows, the waters of all five rivers of Pakistan would run red. Several leaders of the Paki-

National Alliance ever, have been demanding that the October election to replace the controversial March one in which Mr Bhutto's party

won all but 37 of the 200 National Assembly seats, should be postponed until the civil courts are able to deliver judgments in the many criminal charges against Mr Bhutto. that include murder and misappropriation of sovernment

General Zia told reporters he intended to let the civil courts my Mr Bhutto. One or two of Mr Bhutto's colleagues. however, would be tried by military courts to establish his claim that these courts were as just and impartial in their

proceedings as any other courts. He was inclined, he said, to accept the view that the credi-bility of public leaders should be established fully before a general election was held. That would be fair to Mr Bhutto as well he added. The civil courts might not be able to decide the cases in the next 19

Political noted a clear shift in public opinion infavour of Mr Bhutto during the past few weeks. Many are more inclined to regard him as a man under persecution, not a criminal on trial. He was released by the High Court on bail in a murder case against him on September 13, but was detained under mertial law order four days later.

It is being said that Mr Bhutto's opponents have been unnerved by enthusiestic public response to election meet-ings addressed by his wife and daughter in the past 10 days, putting their political calcula-

Guerrillas 'control a On number of Ethiopia arms deliveries to Somalia and rushing heavy weapons to Ethiopia arms deliveries to Somalia and rushing heavy weapons to Ethiopia since the war began in late July, diplomats here think the Russians are keeping to their military agreements, if a little behind schedule.— Reuter. Beirut, Sept 29.—The United

miles to the west advancing their next target, the old led city of Harer. It said Ethiopians had been kriled Babille. bille Gap is the last defen-le position before Harer, so WSLF report of fighting at sille could mean the Ethions are trying to dig in there. farer, surrounded by steep craggy mountains, is on d defensive terrain, but it

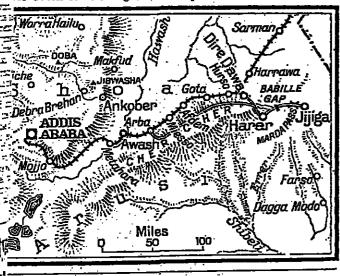
fallen twice in the pest 45 e no the Brinish who both t on to enter the Ethiopian

publicly criticized the

Beirut, Sept 29.—The United States has rejected requests for a resumption of arms supplies to the Ethiopian Government, Western diplomatic sources said

Estilopia last April unitaterally ended its 24-year military alliance with Washington, closed five American installations and expelled United States person-Union for arms and aid. After their recent military defeats the Ethiopians have been courting the United States for fresh supequipped armed forces.

But the Beirut sources said Mogadishu cargo ships are the United States Government ng unloaded night and day had decided against a rapprochement with the Ethiopians prochement with the Ethiopia es long as Colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam's regime rem - ranget Union for slowing down in power.—Reu



med in librezhnev plea to Somalia end Ogaden fighting

doscow. Sept 29.—President Tuesday and left today. He paid his last visit to Russia just under a year ago
There was no explanation for conflict among the coun-is of Africa. At the same e he issued an implicit eal to Somalia to end the tring with Ethiopia.

Ir Brezhnev was speaking at in brezing was speaking at incheon yesterday for Presint Neto of Angola, who was alosed today to have made utprise visit to Moscow. ass said Dr Neto arrived on tries.

the secrecy surrounding the Angolan leader's visit, but observers thought it could be connected with security problems in Luanda.

In his speech President
Brezimev said imperialist forces were concentrating on splitting the unity of the African coun-

eath penalty onference to be ld in Nigeria n Our Correspondent

robi, Sept 29 the All Africa Conference of irches (AACC) is to sponsor ⊮th penalty in Africa to be id in Ibadan, Nigeria, from ober 3 to 8. The conference originally to be held in aka, but has been moved

to unforeseen circumtos, according to the
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firi International Affairs Sectry, said they would carry ry, said they would carry an investigation into the errent and non-deterrent ne of capital punishment as recruised in Africa.

he findings will be sent to African heads of state, and also be presented to the

he death penalty has been inned by African countries general in Nigeria and enda there have recently in public executions.

Cuba ready to respond to any US gesture

Havana, Sept 29.—President Castro said last night Cuba would respond to any positive gesture by the United States but the process of detente would

still be a lengthy one. He ruled out the possibility Cuba paying compensation to American firms nationalized some 17 years ago unless Cuba was compensated for "aggres-sion" against it by the United

President Castro told a rally of about a million people in Revolution Square that relations with the United States had improved this year but enormous problems remained. These included the American trade embargo on Cuba and the conrinued occupation of Guantanamo naval base on the island

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River Wylye from a one-acre surp of grounds extending along about a quarter of a mile of bank. The house has three reception rooms and five bedrooms, and there is a two-bedroomed staff cottage. Offers over £55,000 are being asked through Humberts, of Salisbury.

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Wiltshire dating from the Elizabethan period. A buyer would be entitled to catch troot from about 300 yards, mostly of single bank, on the Ebble, a well-known chaik stream. The property is Stocks Bridge Cottage, at Coombe Bissett, about five miles from Salisbury, and is built of brick and cobunder a thatched roof.

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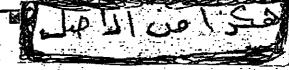
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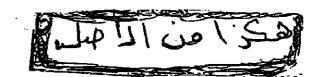
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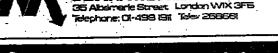
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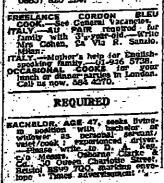
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World. But one can for-give the island its penchant for self-praise, for Bermuda is indeed another world: a world which combines slick American tourism know-how

with the delights of Carib-bean culture and a healthy helping of Victorian-style Eoglish manners. . "Bermuda", one of the island's tourism officials told me with some accuracy.
"has all the advantages of the Caribbean and none of its disadvantages".

He was almost right. Certainly there is no under-current of violence in Ber-But the Caribbean proper lies a few hundred miles to the south and west, and Bermuda, on a similar latitude to the Canary Isles, cannot promise the same sort of sun-soaked win-

swimming pool looked warm the impression of being on place to place, it is a beach and inviting, and the beach a big, floating garden.

and it is a nightclub—and all beyond it even more invit— As a result, Bermuda for no extra charge.

attractive over the past four (you can walk, slane, swim or years; but individual hotels even just join in the apressuch as the Bakoua on Marski without having to put foot tinique (you can fly there by near boot), and have cut tinique (you can fly there by near boot), and have cut Air France), set a very high prices to the bone. standard.

Like Bermuda, the Canaries cannot guarantee non-stop winter sunshine. But it is odds-on that you will find it there, and even if you are unlacky for a day or two there is lots to see and do in an island like Tenerife. A number of British tour operafors offer inclusive winter holidays to Tenerife, and prices are competitive (one week from £91: Intasun).

Because prices seem to vary even more than usual this winter, it is worth studying the brochures. But be warned: the tour operators have lots of new ideas to tempt you. Among the places or activities which have apters that one will find in, pealed to me are sailing or say, Barbados or Tobago, golf on the Costa del Sol But for the "shoulder" (the courses there have a

A steel band played melo-coast—are superb. But the Cruising is, surprisingly, a diously in the background, see does not dominate the money saver because, all bright orange sun settled landscape as it so often does though the initial cost may itself on the horizon behind on an island.

a pattern of palm trees. Indeed, Bermuda, with its inclusive halfdoor inclusive their days the state of the set of the se and a waiter hovered trim lawns and picturesque clusive holidays. A floating obsequoiusly nearby lest drives like "The Oleander hotel, with shipboard prices, one of us should want Route" and "The Hibiscus is more than just an hotel; it Rome", somehow gives one is a means of transport from

a winter sunshine holiday do a lot werse than joining a The Caribbean? No, the this year although some care cruise or, perhaps even pinkish sand and the time should be exercised over the better at this time of year, a choice of dates. Hotels which fly-cruise where one picks up playing provide the clues, can be recommended include the ship at an overses port. For this was Bermuda, Elbow Beach, Castle Harbour, But the more energetic will Elbow Beach, Castle Harbour, But the more energetic will Horizons, Lantana, and the be returning, as ever, to

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The result is a new emis cheap). Spain (for the same reason), and France (because of the wide range French ski resorts). And there could be some hargains in the winter sports brochures this winter-particularly for last-minute bookings.

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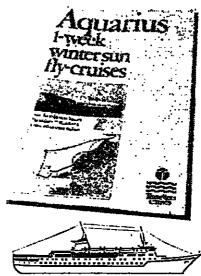
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In Annie Hull—"a nervous romance"—ne closes in much tighter than before on truth and and ambition: but here he depends less on the comic hyper-bole than in earlier films. This is a film about a single relation-ship, which encapsulates the in-soluble problem of all human relationships. The strong sense that it is so a considerable if unspecified degree autobiogra-phical is reinforced by the knowledge that in real life Allen and Diane Keaton really did become income the control of the did become intimates, like Alvy Singer and Annie Hall in the film, after Keator, acted in the

on incomparibilities that are not quite so unbearable as with other people. You understand why Aivy and Annie need each other when he takes up with another girl. He explains he's been jittery since he gave up style. There is Mike Katz, a school teacher in private life, who's far too nice to make it in a sport where the foul play of another girl. He explains he's been jittery since he gave up your opponent is approved;

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dent Haiti. The opera's libretto,

.The music though somewhat

overextended (the premiere lasted four hours), is educirably

orchestrated for audibility of words and vocal line. Blake

employs a modest orchestra,

and much textural refinement:

the exotic percussion depart-

creetly drawn upon. Speech,

recitative, arioso, set-number, ensemble and full chorus are

deployed multifariously; there

is plenty of lyrical and reflec-tive vocal music, not only in

the traditions of Berg (Lulu more than Wozzeck) and Eisler.

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smoking. "How long was that?" "Sixteen years ago." Annie would understand at once: this girl screeches dis-belief and wants him to explain. Annie might have fantasy phobias about spiders and lob-sters; but they talk the same

Although—perhaps because— there are no longer the visual extravagances of Allen's earlier films (if we exclude the mar-vellous flashbacks of his child-hood in a wooden hovel which nestles under the Coney Island nesties under the Coney Island roller coaster), both Keaton and Allen are at the peak of their comic form. Keaton is mistress of the sort of vertal confusions that turn a proposal to escort her home after a termis match into a Mad Harter distogue. Standing in hine to see The Sorrow and the Pity for the fifth sine. Allen becomes a small, red-baired volcano of rumbling anger at the movierumbling anger at the movie-culture chat of the man behind, and finally, permitting himself and many, permitting himself momentary release into fautasy, produces the real-life Marshall McLuhan our of rhin air to put down the offender. "If only real life were like rhat", he sighs to the audience. Such moments of delirium spart, Annie Hall is as good as it is because its comedy is always on the brink of the minor tragedies the brink of the minor tragedies

Truth and comedy and fiction Truth and comedy and incion are in another permutation in Pumping Iron. This will be a very annoying falm for those who think that documentary is about facts, because actuality and invention are mixed in very tessing style in its evocation of the attracts, world, and comthe strange world and com-munity of body-builders.

of real life and love.

The film was conceived and directed by a 34-year-old Englishman, George Butler, who wanted to make it after covering the Mr East Coast Contest of 1972 for Sports Illustrated reality. He is still the same wispy fool trotting to keep step with all the other wispy fools who battle with life and love before the same but coaldn't raise the money. Instead he wrote a book, Pumpwith all the other wispy fools who battle with life and love Bodyhuilding, which has subsected a considerable quently acquired a considerable underground reputation and

underground reputation and which, broadly speaking, provided the scenario of the film.

The film is built around reportage of the 1975 contests for Mr Universe and Mr Olympia, and the training and preparation that goes into them. Butler goes deeper than the popular stereotype of body builders as muscle-headed exhibitionists as he explores the exhibitionists as he explores the subtle mingling of ambition, dedication, aesthetic instinct, and (least of all) vanity that relation-life acted in the original stage production of Allen's Play It Again, Sam.

The lesson of the film is that relation-life are not so much established on comparibility as on incompatibilities that are not quite so unbearable as with other nearly Volundormal transfer in mismet. Historical assistants these enthusiasts through their torturing training routines, not to speak of baller quite so unbearable as with other nearly volundormal transfer in mismet.

David Blake's bold venture

there is the ebullient Franco Columbo, a miniature Apollo who arrived from a tiny Italian village to become three times Mr Universe; there is Louis Feirigno, a deaf boy from Little ltaly was has to lip-read the slightly demented inspirational harangues of his father, fulfilling his own through the boy.

First and foremost, however, there is Arnold Schwarzeneg-ger, six times Mr Olympia, a llving comic-strip superman, and a star by any standard you care to apply. Schwarzenegger is intelligent and unstoppably articulare (he was in London last week to prove it was not just a film illusion). He is also just a film illusion). He is also outspoken, outrageous and very funny. Mischievously he explains in the film that the experience of "pumping iron" (the body-builder's mystical technique of forcing blood into the muscular structure) is like a permanent orgasm. He shame-lessly demonstrates his own subtle techniques of demoralizing his opponents on the eve of the contest: acts out the fictions of the film (a story of missing his own father's funeral so as not to spoil his training) with total credibility; and explains convincingly that body-building is just another form of creative sculpture.

Schwarzenegger is able to carry off the unflinching selfcarry off the unflinching self-confidence and unyielding ego-centricity that clone can ac-count for a career like his, by reason of unterly irresistible charm and wit. Having now given up competitive body-building and established him-self as a successful business mm, he has a clearly fulfil-lable ambition to be a film star. His performance in Bob Rafel-son's Stan Hungry erroed him a son's Stay Hungry earned him a Golden Globe award for best male acting debut; and he is now set for a film series about

Joseph Strick persists in adopting James Joyce to the screen. A decade after Ulysses. he pays his homage to A Porhe pays his homage to A Por-trait of the Artist as a Young Man. It is an effectionare, devote series of illustrations, with authentic Irish locales, smare gifted Irish players (T. P. McKenna, Bosco Hogan, Maureen Potter), one or two vivid tebleaux from Joyce (the Christmas dinner), a thrilling Gielgud cameo (the hell-fire sermon at the retreat). sermon at the retreat). But a picterialization is a

pictorialization, and where the words are paramount, as in Joyce, it can only be a subtraction. Nor, as a pictorialization, is it very certain that it will also be a penularization (which would be no had thing). Though an undoubted labour of love, the enterprise looks a bit misguided.
Outlaw Blues is a youth film

with a vengernce, and if its reflection of total disillusion and mistrust in the face of the

realize the inherent spectacle





Mr Olympia and admirers

adult and the establishment are half way true, it is a poignant socio-cultural comment. Peter Fonda plays Robin Hood or Sir Percy Blakeney in the world of outlaw" country and western music that centres on Austin.

A long-term prisoner (mainly due to manifestations of his ungovernable temperament) he is released from jail, to discover that his best song has been stolen by a grey-headed country and western star. He injures the thief in a confrontation, and is on the run when be is hefriended by a girl from the recording studios who skilfully promotes his own recording to the top of the charts, by appro-

couple engineer a series of hit-and-run appearances at concerts nd radio stations. It is directed by Richard T.

Heffron, who despite the under-lying pessimism and the obli-gatory car and boat chases, sustains the humour and charm of the film. To these qualities Peter Fonda and Susan Saint James, who makes the girl be-lievably steely as well as attractive, contribute significantly.

Pelvis, whatever the adver-

tising might suggest, isn't are witty perversions of the porn; nor, as its title might sentiments of rock lyrics.

a publicity stunt. Under the noses of the police and their publicity-hunding chief, a candidate for political office, the nonsense about the lower considerations of the police man-hunt-as imply, is it an unhappily timed squib at the expense of the nonsense about the lower consideration of the process and the police man-hunt-as imply, is it an unhappily timed squib at the expense of the police man-hunt-as imply, is it an unhappily timed squib at the expense of the police man-hunt-as imply, is it an unhappily timed squib at the expense of the police and their publicity stunt. Rubber and No Place to Go" and lines which, when audible,

nonsense about the lower depths of the rock world, vaguely styled on The Wizard of Oz. As "Pelvis", Luther "Bud" Whaney, an attractive humpkin who slogs well, dreams his way to the big city, where he is confronted by nightmare distortions of nightmare distortions of theatrical agents and impre-sarios and fans. The cleverest part of it is the songs, with titles like "All Dressed up in

John Higgins

Bubbling Brown Sugar Royalty:

Irving Wardle

Whatever your prejudices on descending into the blood red pleasure-drome in Portugal Street, they will be knocked flat by the performance that awaits you down below. Bubbling Brown Sugar has earned a tidy sum on Broadway and it richly deserves every cent. It is a reminder of a lost age of the American rheatre, when popular entertainment meant burnished professionalism to the smallest production detail, and when even the pickiest reviewers could accept the musical as a national art form.

A guided tour of Harlem from prohibition to Pearl Har-bour, Laften Mitchell's book is safely cocooned in a period before Broadway lost its nerve. What it celebrates is a myth of huge, explosive confidence, with no rumbles of poverty or Wall Street to darken the nonwaii Street to darken the non-stop round of speakeasies, balkrooms, and house rent parties; and no threat of the racist passions which subse-quently turned Harlem into a virtual nogo area for whites. In the world of this show, a toothy Harvard boy can sit in in one world or one serow, a toothy Harvard boy can sit in a bar and talk about slumming and his daddy's views on mixing with coloureds and still get taken on the grand time trip by Billy Daniels and Lon Serom

The tour amounts to no more than a threadbare pretext for revisiting Harlem's musical past: even when it comes to past: even when it comes to staging the numbers, the approach could not be more guileless. Again and again, Mr Daniels leads his little party to a fresh location, the name of another hallowed night-spot flashes up on the back wall of

Clarke Dunham's art deco set and someone timidly launches into "Honeysuckle Rose" or "I'm Gonna Tell God All My Troubles", building up to an other supendous Elimax with the company reaching their arms to heaven amid a deafen ing tumult from the house There are no encores. If the company had weakened over that one, we would still be

there. Mr Daniels, sex appeal un dimmed by his saintly white hair, goes through the evening in the role of an old Harlen band, dropping tourist informa tion and ancient vaudeville routines with off-hand experts. that never rumples his suits Apart from his insistent smile e never strains himself, and his most important role is as a link between black and white This being a nostalgic enter ramment, there is no obstack to the styles that modern black artists avoid like the plaguesuch as Lon Satton's eye-rolling grave-voiced Armstrong parody. That, like much of the show that the send in inverted comments.

is delivered in inverted command is delivered in inverted comman.

The amazing thing is that song number begun in parod ends by gripping your heart. This is partly the reward of technique. The dances (choreo graphed by Billy Wilson) compover as hymns of sensua vitality. The voices, particularly among the women, have an extraordinary range, and tak extraordinary range, and take what seem suicidal risks. Morimpressive than the fresh inven-tion is the fact that the mos-common show business gesture are equally full of meaning. They seem to come straigh from the heart. And if I could recommend one number. I count recommend one number. I would be Helen Gelzer's "Got Bless the Child" which stand will comparison with Billio holiday Altogether a joyou noise, and for sheer glamou there is nothing in Loudon if touch it.

The Muppet Show ATV (tonight)

Michael Ratcliffe

I haven't worked with a dog for years", remarks George Burns as he learns into a song over the top of the piano, and when Rowlf crashes into a cadenza that nearly results in the loss of an ear George recommends something less competitive: "Play like you're not getting paid", he advises.

Ethel Merman and Rita Moreno established that talk-Moreno established that talking to Muppers is not merely a professional privilege—no kidding, the queue must stretch from Birmingham to 42 od Street—but the most natural thing in the world. Indeed each lady intensified her act if anything, but Borns: in the first programme of the new series, goes one better by not altering his normal performance in any way, frand-rolling the jokes like the fat cigars he smokes to keep a hold of something in this life, calming shattered Mupper nerves and dismissing a new villain with peculiarly pelle green hair: Fleet Scribbler, a back reporter who twists Kermit's every word and goes round the dressing-rooms looking for dirt.

Fresh from an unforgestable

wainut in the old Quality Stree assortment, and performing what Statler describes as your what Statler describes as your basic pig Latin number. Mis Piggy provides it. She is most best pleased—"How should guston means?" she yells, slamaning means?" she yells, standing the dressing-room door—
but Fleer's promise of a page spread soon gets the hair out of her eyes. Fozzie performs "The Old Kent Road" with Pearly King abandon ("Watch the hands!" he cries dehrously a see the county as the cries dehrously as the cries dehrously as the cries dehrously as the cries dehrously as the cries of the cr hands "he cries deliriously as the head is thrown back being tween the verses). Scribbler getter an exclusive from an inarticulate Swedish thef, and Waldorf spies an old friend in the stalk named Bravo, with predictable confusion to the artists on stage.

Invention all the way. Although he has compara-tively little to do conight, has sense that the little dark bird

dressed like the shiny pumple.

with the bent beak is being pre-pared for some stardom in this series. In a later show—the one with Rich Little, the America ican impersonator-Gonzo auditions and trains a dancing the chicken act ("OK, everyone with Broadway experience stell forward!") which is the full niest thing. I have seen shows a hard agreement of the control of th Animal savaged and devoured you don't know the meaning of devour until-you see this

Benson and Hedges Festival

Paul Griffiths

Snape

Tobacco, tobacco, sing sweetly for tobacco!" That lute soing by Tobias Hume suggests that the association between smoking and music is getting on for four centuries old, so it should come as no surprise that we have had a John Player Festival and now a Benson and Hedges

Pestival of Music. Taking place at the Snape Maltings, the latter appro-priately includes a fair quantity of Britten's chamber music and song. Its second centre is in the music of Schubert, which makes a nice parallel, and one that would surely have appealed to Britten. He might also have een cheered by the use of the Maltings as venue for a com-petition for young lieder singers, the final part of which will close the festival on

Sunday. If the end holds the promise of discovery, Tuesday evening's opening recital was in the safe and sure hands of Sviatoslav Richter, which is not to say that his Schubert programme contains no revelations of its own. It most certainly did,

Most characteristic Richter's approach was the slow opening of the late G major Sonata, where the music seemed to be proceeding in its own hesitant way, gently exploring the implications of its ideas, arriving with a serene happiness at each forward step. There was a sense that this was how the music was composed.

Perhaps I make the performance sound objective, but in fact this was the most valuable kind of objectivity, one alert to every mance of expressive detail set in place by the composer. Richter's fluent tone and his exquisite control of rubato ensured there was no emotional warping of the work, nor did he shirk the need for contrast. His entry into the first movement's more assertive passages. akhough done with superb finesse, was abnost startling.

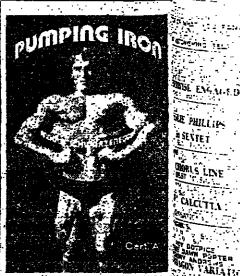
The earlier part of the recital included a selection of shorter pieces, where again Richter was always in perfect communion with Schubert. In the un-finished E minor Sonata that impression was confirmed by

a garrulous computer. And that is tonight. Fresh from an unforgettable appearance as Carmen Miranda, his light rhythmic bounce and his clear, lyrical counterpoint; his singing legato, made more moving by its mobility. Even four little Ländler were not

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study of Toussaint, even to his vibrant, dark vocal colouring. drawn-our even as a relaxation after the thunder and canter of Photograph by David Jones Among a dozen or more other

acid or aggressive comment tean and dazzling, atmosphere against the grain of pastiche—laden) scenic properties, all the formal quadrille in Act II provides a telling instance. They give enlivening contrast to the serious tone of the piece (the action as well as the music). In the face of the opera's impractical length one might want to omit say, the scene in which a rich nearwhite woman is set upon by poor whites and colonials, and the bloody years between 1791 and 1803 when the black slaves vilely lynched: it is redundant dramatically but important to Much of the charal music seems lished the independent black republic of Haiti. The leader of the rebellion static and protracted, but to shorten it might mar the musical proportions.

was the creole slave Toussaint L'Ouverture. His is the name-part of Blake's opera which is the tragedy of Toussaint, who One example would be the extended lament of the women for their men at the battle of Crête à Pierrot, the end of died in a French prison some beetle, sung with exquisite tenderness. To speed curtain-fall by Anthony Ward, carefully plots the rise and downfall of would surely involve drastic re-composition, perhaps less Toussaint, yet concludes with the black populace of Haiti as

With all its length, questionable only because the dramatic canvas is not sustained musically at epic stature, Toussaint is a noble first opera, a cogent subject imaginatively treated, an opera for singers and actors, for orchestra only sometimes though memorably, for scenery, costumes, lighting and stage direction all the time.

David Pountney's resourceful disposition of crowds and manipulation of leading characters (however momentary their appearance), Nick Chelton's virtuoso effects of lighting, whe-ther slow or suddent transfor-mations of density and colour. Maria Björnson's pyrotechnics

raped. She undergoes a mystic wedding with another woman, a transformation of her captur's Cherubino-like favourite Adversity increases her fondness for her oppressor, but when they get to bed together he proves to be her husband who wakes, turns off the radio, kisses her on the forehead and goes

a woman's erotic fantasies caused somerhing of a frutter in Manchester, where it had its straight to sleep again. Prokovsky's treatment is imaginative. With none of the frantic rolling about that too often denotes possion in ballet, premiere on Wednesday. No need to have worried; it may two duets convincingly suggest a growing desire. The one with is mild compared with the films advertised outside the cinemas Alexandra Worrall proves the more erotic, with its donning of veils and garlands, its final kiss of recognition. Philip Lans-The plot in fact seems to take Bunvel's film Belle de dale gives a chilly lust to the Jour as its inspiration. The other, but Penelope Wright carsemi-realistic beginning, in ries the ballet's main weight,

Peter Farmer's ingenious set-tings, has Penelope Wright disvery effectively too.
I think Prokovsky's remem bering that flies need undoing before rape is a first for this touch of realism in ballet, but contentedly combing her hair, sitting on the edge of a double bed where her husband lies asleep. Restless, she turns on the assault irself is shielded the radio. The music makes her from view by a crowd of exciimagine a wintry forest, where . onlookers. she joins girls at play until harshly interrupted by a tall although the captor at one point advances threateningly with switch raised, a blackout dark man with riding crop and leaves the beating to the audi-Abducted, she is first pamence's imagination as well as pered, then tied to a bed and the heroine's.

of the story to spectacular, gripping purpose, Mark Elder, conducting the new opera, made the most of the fast music, and did much to minimize the predominant

numbers, often accompanied by of costume and (spare but pro-

leisurely character of the sec-ond act, by graduating its emointensity—how I wish that today's composers would study the variety of pace and mood in say Handel's operas. The cast is enormous and includes many black supernumerates who tend to show up

their chocolate-painted col-leagues in this ardent drama of black and white conflict Wil-lard White shone forth as the real article (contradicting his surname!), but Neil Howlett gave a convincing, moving

sharp performances, those by Dennis Wicks and Teresa Cahill vill be particularly relished. The link-man compère part of Mars. Toussaint's valet, is crucial and idiosyncratic: Emile Belcourt perhaps deliberately exagger-ates the soulfully emotional and iokey golliwog aspects but he keeps us on tenterhooks, even when scenes change too slowly. He does not for a second look black, nor does Geoffrey Chard Sarch Walker, in the only unambivalent role of Toussaint's

saintly wife, not only sang much lovely music eloquently but also looked ethnically convincing She gave hope that other white actors may achieve what their black colleagues have already managed: true acting, irrespec tive of which aristocrat or what skin.

John Riley has arranged a collage score: substantial chunks of Rachmaninov, a Bach unaccompanied cello piece for the abduction, Mozart Vespers for the lesbian wedding, with incursions of Subotnik and others. The individual pieces each support their own episodes, and the disparate sources and abrupt breaks suit the dreamlike structure.

Daydreams made a substantial dramatic cornerstone for a promore ambition than achieve-ment. To nut Wright and Lansdale in the Black Swan duet was pushing their luck, and Terry Gilbert's Pastures Green proved a slick, trite and un-musical run-around to Tippett's concerto for double string orchestra.

There was also something claiming to be a divertissement from the "Shadows" scene in La Bavadère, its not too diffi-cult steps danced prettily but gingerly by Sui Kan Chiang and her chubby, cheerful part-aer, Alpo Pakarinen, two other soloists and a chorus of six The chorecgraphy is by Juan Sanchez " after Marius Peripa " Can anyone te'i me whether the Trade Descriptions Act applies

Giulini's return to opera

Carlo Maria Giulini will record his first opera in over a decade next year. It will be Verdi's Rigoletto with Placido Domingo and Ileana Cotrubas: gone through the whole range of human love. "It is not an easy work. Apart

Piero Cappuccilli sings the title role. It forms part of a longterm contract with Deutsche Grammophon, announced in London on Wednesday by Günther Breest of the Hamburgbased company. Grulini will complete his outstanding commitments with EMI, both of them choral works, and will then work exclusively for DG. The length of the contract, to be signed in Germany later in the aurumn, has not been fixed, but will probably run for about five years. Giulini's reluctance to

back to opera has long been regretted by theatres and record collectors alike. Why has Rigoletto enticed him to return?
"I think most of the per-

audding has been done by DG and my wife. We had agreed on a number of orchestral works, including the fourth and eighth symphonies by Schuhert, and Dyorak 8, all of which we will record with the Chicago Symphony next year together with Britten's Les Illuminations. Then came the question of opera. I feel that I am being given the right cast and my wife knew of my admiration for Rigaletto. She said I had to do it.

"The great power of this opera lies in the complete conception Verdi gives of a human being, the span of emotions he reveals from the lowest to the most sublime. In no other work is the feeling of a father expressed with such depth and tenderness. And not only a father, When Rigoletto returns to me Duke of Mantua's palace. on stage." and finds what has happened to killed her, but instead he says, possibility could be later Verdi. 'Piangi!' Weep! That is the He has, for example, never

sentiment of a mother. He has

from Rigoletto-and I recall Leonard Warren singing that role supremely well-ther is Gilda. Too often the part goes to a soprano leggiera. Toscanini was right against that sort of casting. So am I. It demands a voce lirica. Gilda is a young woman who has the courage to try and save the man with whom she is infatuated. There are the two sentiments at the centre of the opera: l'amore und la paternita. Verdi was very careful to weld the music to the words. I've owned for a long time the facsimile of the first sketches he made for Rigoletto and it shows that the words were fundamental. The melodies did not come as melodies but as a reflection of the text and the dramatic situation."

The return to the opera studios immediately suggests the possibility that Guilini might come back to the stage. Practically every international bouse has been courting him unsuccessfully for the past 10 years. Enthusiasm changes to caucion. " Perhaps the reluctance

stems from the fact that in the early days I was spoilt. I worked with men like Visconti und Zeffirelli and we understood one another. Ideal opera is an ideal unity between the words, the music and the eyes. Too often now there is an attempt to do the unusual, particularly with the mise en scene. and this is an error. We should ail be humble; we should all aim to serve the composer. But perhaps if Rigoletto goes well someone will ask us to put it

So Giulini might be enticed his daughter, a small, ugly back to the theatre: recently figure becomes a giant because he had a meeting in Stockholm of his suffering. He might have with Ingmar Bergman. One

conducted Aida.
"I confess I am afraid of that work. How do you resolve the problem of a piece which is so intimate and so grand? It is a chamber opera interrupted by a triumph scene. I have no solution so far. Otello is a different matter: for long it has been a dream for me, one of the great operas which knock on my door time and again. The difficulty here is Iago.

see him as a very beautiful, almost innocent voung man. I met him once during the war when I was at the front. There was this young officer, very handsome, very much the gran signore, who was also the per-sonification of il male. The key to lago is that he is not only working against others but that he does so with such finesse and delight. There is the aestheric pleasure. Once you have that dimension you can think about Otello."

So could there be a move in the opposite direction to the bel canto repertory? Giulini, who worked so long with Sera-fin and de Sabata, could not be better qualified. "The requirement here is voice. With operas like Elistr and Pasquale the problems are

not so great. But when you move to Lucia or Bellini you need voice and great melodramatic expression. I consider these operas as masterpieces, and I could only work with artists who think the same way."
And that means creating a

"There is the only solution. She had the capacity to breathe life into the words; she had the musician hip for the melodie line; she had the willing-ness and the ability to act. She was the personification of mela-

new Callas?

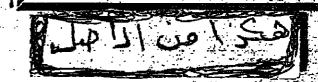
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Milan, and Fiorentina from European competition. The teams they and Liverpool will hope to avoid in today's draw are Bruges, too often underestimated; Atlético Madrid, who had to sink formidable first round opponents in Dynamo Bucharest; Ajax, if only because of their past; Panathinalkos, because Greek teams are always difficult to beat on their own grounds, and Benfica, in spite of a wortying first round tie in which they beat Torpedo, of Moscow, on penalties.

If one then adds the names of Celtic, who are experienced enough to keep Europe and the worries of their league form apart, and Borussia to the list, apart, and Borussia to the list, there are few lame ducks, which is as it should be in Europe's senior club tournament.

for England. Leftic achieved the highest aggregate score of the European Cup, 11—1 against Jeunesse d'Esch who come from Luxembourg. England's opponents in the World Cup on October 12. They scored six goals in Luxembourg on Wednesday but there was even more encouragement for England in the Cup Winners' Cup. Veile. a modest Donish club, scored an aggregate of 10 against scored an aggregate of 10 against another team from Luxembourg. Niedercorn. In the Eufa Cup Luxembourg's Red Boys Differdings conteded a total of 16 goals to Alkmaar, of the Netherlands. This brought a grand total of 37 goals in three ties involving the Creat Puchus the Grand Duchy.

Manchester City's failure to beat Widzew Lodz in Poland, after drawing 2—2 at Maine Road, overshadowed an otherwise successful Eufa Cup challenge by English clubs. Trevor Whymark's four goals for Ipswich against Landskrona Bois must have impressed the England manager, Ron Greenwood, who went to see Mariner and Mills. Acton Villa's composed 2—0 win against Fenerhabee in

In spite of losing all of their representatives from the Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup, Scot-tand spill seem to have some advice for England. Celtic achieved the

and Mills. Acton vina's composed of the common standard was commendable and Newcastle United were delighted to hir four goals past Bohemians after so many recent disapproximents. But Manchester disappointments. But Manchester City ought to have done better considering that they are top of the Football League and Widzew Lodz bottom of the Polish League. This was the fourth time City had fallen at the first round stage and not the first time they had falled on foreign soil in a second leg game. They still have much to learn from Liverpool.

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Tessa Sanderson waits for a warm day to set world record

Throwing Britain into limelight

Players dispute may soon be settled

The threat of a players' strike still hangs over professional foot-ball. But the dispute over the players' freedom of contract thar-ter could move towards a settleter could move towards a settle-ment in the next two weeks. Representatives of the Profes-sional Footballers Association left a meeting in Manchester yester-day to tell their members of the latest proposals put forward by the Football League's management committee.

committee.
Although it was obvious that the Although it was obvious that the players have not backed down from their original demands, there was a new optimism in the air. The PFA's negotiating committee, led by Derek Dougan and Cliff Lloyd, mer first in a Manchester hotel and then went on to Old Trafford where they talked with the management committee for two and a quarter hours. Afterwards the two sides issued a joint statement which said briefly: "The representatives of the PFA negotiating committee have held an exploratory meeting following the resolution passed by

following the resolution passed by the clubs on September 19. The meeting has been adjourned and will be reconvened in two weeks."

No other PFA or League official at the meeting would make any further comment. It now seems likely that the PFA will be canvassing their members in the next two weeks for their reaction to a compromise

Scotland match too crucial for Welsh changes

Michael Smith, the manager, is banking on the same togetherness that took Wales to last year's European Cup quarter-finals for the crucial World Cup qualifying match against Scutland at Liverpool on Wednesday, October 12.

Mr Smith, recently linked with the yearsy at Birmingham, has the vacancy at Birmingham, has named an unchanged party for a match Wales must win if they are to reach Argentina. "I am stickto reach Argentina. "I am sticking to the proven players. This is
too vital a match for me to contemplate changes at this stage",
Smith said, "We have gone
through six games with more or
less the same squad, and, with a
game of this magnitude, experience is the biggest factor." game of this magnitude, experience is the biggest factor."

Scotland currently head group seven after last week's impressive 3—1 win over Czechoslovakia at Hampden Park. "A lot has been said about the quality of that Scottish performance but the contest is not over by a long way", Smith said. His side had a 3—0 win over the Czechoslovaks.

If Wales win at Anfield, a draw in Czechoslovakia on November 16 would be good enough to see them through to South America.

them through to South America They are currently behind the Scots by two points in the group, but have played one game fewer and have a superior goal difference. Wales, whose hopes were hardly helped by two goalless traws against Kuwait recently, will know their opponents party of 22 at the weekend. WALES PARTY: D. Davies (Wreshami, J. Phillips (Chelseai, J. Jones (Liverpool), M. Page (Birmingham City, R. Thomas (Derby County, I. Etans (Crystal Palace), L. Phillips (Asian Villa), D. Roberts (Hell City).

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Rugby Union

Another look at men in different company

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent The national selectors will attend England Under-23's new fixture against France at Orrell tomorrow before deciding on the shape of "an England XV" to play the United States at Twicken-ham on October 15. Three of their number—Peter Coiston (coach), Derek Morgan and Budge Rugers -were at Gloucester on Welnes-day to appraise the duality of the

day to appraise the quality of the Americans.
Clearly, there is some exciung individual talent in the Eagles side, but they still have much to do to put it all together. Their coach, Dennis Storer, no doubt will improve the mauling techniques, but time is against him on so short a tour and, at this stage of the American development, the England selectors will not contemplare a need to field their strongest side. est side.

Subject to whatever may happen at Orrell, it seems in fact a good excuse for England to have excuse for England to have another look at some of those who distinguished themselves on the Under-23 tour of Canada in May and June, and to stiffen them here and there with senior caps. If the selectors are to choose some of their promising younger backs, they will want to make sure that their forwards win enough ball for them. This suggests a requirement for England's senior ball for them. This suggests a requirement for England's senior front row, but Corton might safely be left on Lancashire's list for the start of the county championship in the north, and a chance offered to Bell, the Middlesbrough tight-head, a solid scrummager as well as a mobile and thoughful ball player.

Bell added to his growing reputation when touring Carada, as

Bell added to his growing repu-tation when touring Canada, as did two Rossiyn Park forwards. Scott (captain and lock) and Man-tell (No 8). These are the sort of players the selectors might wish to have another look at in dif-ferent company. Certainly, Frau-mann, the American No 8, has the stature and skills to give Mantell some excellent opposition. The Twickenham match seems to offer a good opportunity for the

The Twickenham match seems to offer a good opportunity for the selectors to look at a half-back parmership that prospered in Canada—that of Carfoot, the Waterkoo scrum-half, and Palmer, the Bath utility player. Carfoot is said to have improved with every match and Palmer to have looked

Eagles giving nine | Middlesbrough new players

Service.

Having their second outing in

asset, consistently good judgment. Carfoot is no longer elicible for the young England side, and neither is Ball, his former part ner at Waterloo, who is now sparking on all cylinders for Wasps. "It was as if someone had lit the blue paper for us".

Peter Yarranton, the former Wasps and England lock, said. Although he finished second as a points scorer in Canada, and won two matches there off his own bat, it appears that Ball was something of an enigma on tour. His dis-tribution was not consistently good, and he tended to run across. There can be no doubt, however, that he has an exciting talent and if Wasos can discipline it, they

Dodge, the Leicester centre, seems assured of playing against the Americans, perhaps with his the Americans, perhaps win ma-lear-23 tour parmer, Bond, from Broughton Park. It might be in-teresting, though, to see how the subtlety and timing of Dodge's passing could be helpful to the stronger, blunter qualities of a man like Kent, one of the present service incumbents.

senior incumbents. Carleton, the Orrell wing, is another who might well be in business against the Eagles. He has ness against the Eagles. He has all the right attributes. There is a suggestion in the Midlands that their selectors may choose the England stand-off. Cooper, at wing three-quarter for the regional and divisional games in December. Such a move could be in Cooper's their interests if he is to win furbest interests if he is to win fur-ther international recognition, but he seems unlikely to change posi-tions for Moseley until such time as the regional selectors tip him an obvious wink.

an obvious wink.

Against Orrell last week I watched Cooper at sand-off kicking away some likely-looking possession in his own half. Against the New Zealanders some years ago I can recall this extremely talented runner and ball player scoring a try on the left wing for his regional side that was a classic of its kind.

French selection

FRANCE UNDER-23 IV England Under-25: M. Blanc's D. Busalin. F. Merlos, B. Vicies, P. Leiberrere, P. Warte. B. Vicies, P. Galloni, M. Colombia. B. Under-25: M. Galloni, M. Galvaige, p. David, M. Salvaige, p. Buchet, B. Geneste, J.-P. Blarand.

chance tomorrow

The Eagles, the American rugby team, have listed nine new players in their team to meet Cornwall at Camborne tomorrow. They have retained the players who made most impression in their first outing against Civil

Having their second outing in as many games are the captain, Sweeney, the goal-kicker, Jab-lonski the centres, Schneeweis and Halliday, and the forwards, Fraumann and Parthmore. Halli-day scored his team's deciding

bring in **Duff for Bell**

Andrew Duff, a former North Yorkshire schoolboy player, makes his first appearance for Middlesbrough at prop in the match against. Harrogate at Acklam Park. Duff, who is 20, is brought into the team to replace Jeff Bell, who is in the England under-23 side against the French at Orrell. The club's captain. Michael Wright, is also missing—back in partnership with his former colleague. Alan Old, for Yorkshire at Halifax.

Wright's place at the base, of

Fraumann and Parthmore. Halliday scored his team's deciding try in their 5—6 win in their opening game.

TEAM: D. Jablonski: R. Freed, H. Charley, G. Schneweds, M. Hallitan, C. Bracker, C. Barthmore, J. Hanson, M. Ording, G. Bracker, C. Culmer, Der. W. Fraumann.

The much improved Wasps pitch, which was successfully redrained last season, will be the ground for the regional trial hetween London and the North of England on Saturday. December 10.

Rugby League

Competent New Zealanders join New Hunslet

Lindsey Proctor, the prop forward and Gary Kemble a full back, in their home game against Bradford Northern on Sunday. Proctor and Northern on Sunday, Proctor and Kemble were arriving in London yesterday and should travel to Leeds today. Proctor has just won the player of the year award in Auckland, while 19-year-old Kemble is regarded as an out-standing prospect.

Len Casey, the Hull Kingston Rovers and Great Britain loose Rovers and Great Britain loose forward was suspended for two matches by the Rugby League Disciplinary Committee in Leeds yesterday. Casey and Graham Joyce, the Bradford Northern forward, who was also banned fur two matches were sent off last Saturday. In the case of Ken Gill the Salford and Great Britain stand-off half, and Richard Brown, the New Husslet scrumhalf, dismissed for fighting, the committee decided that sending off was sufficient pumishment. was sufficient punishment.

The Yorkshire pair, Leeds and Bradford Northern, are the only unbeaten teams in the first division of the Rugby League. And Bradford look the more likely to continue their successful run this weekend, when they make the short trip to play New

New Hunslet, who have a Hunslet, one of the promoted number of players injured, hope to play two New Zealanders, factory, if unspectacular, start to their first season in the top Peter Fox, the new Bradford coach, has a good record over

the past few years and after end-ing Hull Kingston Rover's unbeaten run last week, his side should succeed again this time. Leeds face a much more difficult task, away to a Wigan side cult task, away to a Wigan side fresh from the mid-week Lancashire Cup semi-final victory over Warrington. Their South African wing Green Vigo, is in superb form and an obvious danger. Vigo could again be a match winner, but Wigan will be without their goal-kicker George Eisebut when it under treatment.

without their goal-kicker George Fairbairn, who is under treatment for knee Ilgament damage.

In another key clash, Dewsbury entertain Salford, with the Yorkshire club becoming desperate to claim their first league win of the season. Dewsbury last beat Salford in April 1975, by 17—16. They will lean heavily on a star performance from Harry Beverley if they are to lift themselves off the bottom of the table.

Wakefield Trinity, the other first division team without a point, have an outstanding chance of improving their record. They will be at full strength at home against Workington.

Docherty brings back two Bohemians

Derby County this afternoon paid a total of £75,000 for Francis O'Brien, a full back, and Gerald Ryan, a striker, from Bohemians, the Republic of Ireland club. Both players are in their early 20s and Derby manager. Towney, Dashotte. Derby manager, Tommy Docherty, yesterday flew back with them to perty after watching them play against Newcastle United in the Urfa Cup match.

The Derby striker, Charlie George, vesterday turned down a move to West Bromwich Albion, who also visid to sign him earlier.

who also tried to sign him earlier this season. Albion are under-stood to have offered a club record fee for George, but could not agree on terms with the player. Leicester City yesterday com-pleted the signing of the Queen's Park Rangers defender, David Webb, for a fee in the region of 550,000. Webb rejoined his former Rangers colleague, now Leicester's manager, Frank McLintock, after passing a medical at Filbert Street vesterday and will make his Orst appearance in the match at Wol-

verhampton tomorrow.
Tom Johnston was yesterday reappointe dteam manager of Huddersfield Town, the only fourth division club without a win this sexson. Johnston replaces John Haselden, who reverts to team coach. Haselden tok over team selection from Johnston who was made general manager last April.

Hughes to miss match at **Old Trafford** Liverpool look like being with-

out their captain. Emlyn Hughes, for the second successive league game tomorrow when they visit Manchester United, Hughes missed his first game for more than two seasons at Leeds last week with an ankle injury and did not travel to Sweden for Liverpool's midweek friendly in Gottenburg. Instead, be stayed behind for His progress report, however,

is not promising.

Wednerday's results

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Tessa Sanderson: ideal all-round sportswoman

out) " with no need to take those anabolic bloody steroids". She weighs only 91st, several stones lighter than most of her world class rivals, and at 5ft 6in is no giant either. Her coach since 1969 has been John Moogan a primary school teacher, who has helped develop her from a raw talent into a technically superior athlete with the temperament to produce the big throw ment to produce the big throw

June, the broaze medal in their national 400 metres burdles championship. At that same meeting, the United Kingdom closed championships at Cwmbran, she also became the first British girl to throw the javelin more than 60 metres (196ft 10in), when she set another national record of 197ft 8in (60.24 metres).

It was at school that she began javelin throwing, reaching about 30 feet on Sports Day on natural ability. But she was also to her school team for hockey, and represented Wolverhampton Schools at nethall, so her sporting career has been varied. In 1975, aged 19, she was picked by The Sunday Times as the ideal all-round sports girl—multi-talented, but able to enjoy her sport and remain totally feminine too. To that widespread use of body-building drugs to achieve throwing success. "My improvement has all been dire to technique" she says, adding (and almost spirting the words Her current British record, and

on the right day.

lack of wind in the Rheinstadion lack of wind in the kneinstanion that evening meant that the javelins got no "lift", and fell to earth almost flat. Miss Fuchs, herself a fine competitor, was lying only fourth when she managed to snatch the competition for East Germany with a last round throw of 204ft 7in. "Fancy the World Cup co

rance the World Cup compenition being won with a rubbishy distance like that", tumed Miss Sanderson, who had been throwing for the European Select team, and finished third with 197ft 10in. "We were all useless."

Such self-criticism can be a stimulus to greater things, however. With the season ever, it is back to work with Moogan, and Brian Newman, who for two years has supervised her weight training programme. "Suppleness, strength and aggression are the components of good javelin throwing", she says.

With both the Commonwealth Games and European champion-ships on the calendar next summer, the incentive to do wel competitively is even greater than the lure of that world record. Yet the lure of that world record. Yet in an event where Britain has for so long lagged behind, it still seems almost unreal that the record is a distinct possibility for Sanderson next year. But "What I would like", she it is. "What I would like", she says, "is a warm day, and a nice headwind."

Racing

Puza's fluency could make his task less stiff at Haydock

Park this afternoon. This five-fur-long dash for two-year-olds is by far and away the most interest-ing event on a quiet programme at the Lancashire track. Judged on the evidence of the form book, Puza faces a stiff task in being asked to concede weight to such as Knight, Miss Anabella and Al Forman, but the fluency of his recent victory at Newbury may tip the scales in his favour.

Puza bas run only four times this season. At Nottingham at the

end of August he started a short-price favourite to capture a maiden event, but could finish only third to Godhood. Despite only third to Godnood. Despite this failure, Puza was again first choice in the market at Newbury. This time he made no mistake. Racing clear of his field below the distance, he was pushed along with hands and heels by Joe Mercer to come home six lengths. with hands and heels by Joe Mcreer to come home six lengths clear of Luz Boy.

Knight and Miss Anabella have been running consistently well in useful company. After scoring at Pontefract in July, Walter Wharton's Knight, who, like Puza, is sired by Realm, fluished runner-up on his next three outings, acquitting himself with particular credit when second to Frimley Park in a valuable nursery at the York Ebor meeting.

There is also a thread of gold

There is also a thread of gold running through Miss Anabella's form. A winner at Redcar in July, the filly was then narrowly defeated by Danger Signal in a nursery at Ripon. But her latest effort when chasing home Negative Response in a similar event at Newbury was even more encouraging, as the winner nearly brought off the surprise of the season when beaten only a head by Manor Farm Boy in the valuable Harry Rosebery Challenge Trophy at Ayr last week.

But in her Newbury success Puza covered the Berkshire five furlongs in far quicker time than had Miss Anabella half an hour

By Michael Seely

Jeremy Hindley's Realm colt.

Puza, Is my selection to win the Altrincham Stakes at Haydock Park this afternoon. This five-furning which for the restricted is by riding Dommostic to his right. Mercer, could complete a double by riding Drummossie to his tidrd victory in succession in the Pres-ton Handicap. Henry Cecil's three-year-old probably has most to fear from Olympic Visualise.

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My idea of the best bet at Haydock Park is William Elsey's Broomley in the Outland Handicap. A half-brother by the sire of the moment, Blakeney, to the 1968 Ebor Handicap winner, Alignment, Broomley had a slightly disappointing three-year-old career. He has now been gelded and showed a dramatic improvement on his previous form when beaten just over five lengths by Tanaka in a conditions race at the Weston meeting. A repetition of that effort should be good enough to see him win this £2,000, even carrying only 7st 7lb.

Oison, the easy conqueror of Prominent in an apprentices race at Ascot last week, is a winner without a penalty. Maurice Camacho's progressive three-year-old Sockburn performed too poorly when last helpful Welsh Dancer

old Sockburn performed too poorly
when last behind Welsh Daucer
at Doncaster to be considered.
Broomley is a firm choice.
A likely double for Berkshire

A likely double for Berkshire at the Lancashire track could be Paul Cole's French import, Pampas Miss, in the Knutsford Maiden Stakes, and Peter Walwyn's two-year-old Remould in the Bolton Maiden Stakes. Sir Charles Clore's three-year-old finished under four lengths behind Danseuse Etoile at Longchamp in April and should outclass Richard Hern's Lily Trotter, a promising April and should outclass Reliatus Hern's Lily Trotter, a promising fourth to Nobody's Fool at Chepstow earlier this mouth. Remould only three-quarters of a length behind Marabiue in a maiden race at Warwick in August, should find Fanny Keyser and Kerleane to be his principal opponents.



From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent Paris, Sept 29

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After considering all the past day's gallops and other information, I consider that Kamicia is the best value for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday. The second position could well be filled by Crystal Palace, but I would have been happier if the colt's habitual partner, Gerard Dubroeucq, had been retained for the Longchamp classic. My order of preference after the abovementioned is Fabuleux Jane, Orange Bay, Arctic Tern, and Crow.

Kamicia has truly found her form this month and neither the draw, as yet unknown, or the going will affect the chance of this filly, although some rain filly, although some rain d be in her favour. Her er, Jean Laumain, confirms that Kamicia has improved even more sluce winning the Prix Veremeille: in fact the filly did In the Prix Vermeille, Kamicia took the lead at the furiong post and ran on to win from Royal even a substantial downpour would hve, Fabuleux Jane and Busaca, but with some five furiongs to run, the daughter of Kashmir II was third from last, with 15 other fillies still in front of her. Before that race Kamicia won the Prix de la Nonette from Edinburgh and Jalapa, and as the event was her first for over two months, it was an even more creditable per forest Loge, Tudor Earl, Kalght o'th

better condition than Kamicia.

Crystal Palace is quite a character, and that is why I would have preferred the more experienced Dubrocuce on his back rather than Alain Badel. The colt is a difficult ride, but undoubtedly has a certain class. The high point in the career of Crystal Palace was the Prix du Jockey Club, in which he beat Artaius and his stable companion Concertino. In the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot last July, Crystal Palace was over four lengths behind Orange Bay, but on Sunday Crystal Palace will have the advantage of having won on the course.

course.

Fabuleux Jane was nowhere near fit when finishing third to Kamida and Royal Hive in the Prix Vermeille. She made up even more ground than Kamida in the latter stages of that race and will be at her prime for Sunday.

At present it looks as if Orange Bay will have the good or firm ground that he needs to produce his best form. No rain the filler since last Saturday and

was third from last, with 15 other fillies still in front of her. Before that race Kamida won the Prix de la Nonette from Edinburgh and Jalapa, and as the event was her first for over two months, it was an even more creditable per formance. Laumain has always considered Kamida an autumn filly and I don't think anybody will find in the paddock next opening the formance. The paddock next of the first formal laste. String-Emanding the paddock next of the fill state of the fill state of the formance. Laumain has always forest Lodge, Tudor Enri, Knight o'th Raim. Champion Swiss. All ongacements of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Nowbern formance. Laumain has always will find in the paddock next of the fill state of the fill state. Now market: Swiss. All ongacements of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now market: Swiss. All ongacements of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. Now benefit of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. The fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. The fill state of the fill state of the fill state of the fill state. The fill state of the fill state. The fill state of the fill state. The fill state of t

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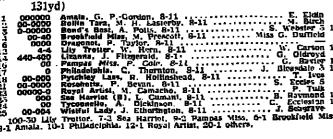


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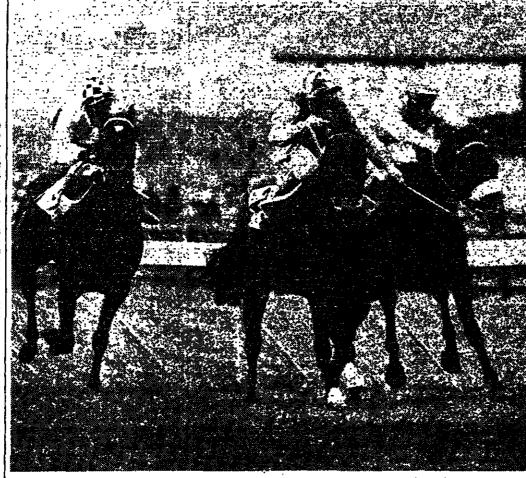
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Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Remould. 2.45 Grand Rapids. 3.15 Drummossie. 3.45 Puza. 4.15 BROOMLEY is specially recommended. 4.45 Pampas Miss.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Fanny Keyser. 3.15 Drummossie. 3.45 Puza. 4.45 Sea Harriet.



Formidable (centre) wins the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Formidable lives up to his name

Racing Correspondent

Peter Walwyn's American-bred colt, Formidable, lived up to his name at Newmarket yesterday when he won the Middle Park Stakes in record time on ground that he seemed to dislike. In doing so he beat the third horse, Lablems, by the same distance that Sexton Blake had ione at Doncaster earlier in the month that Sexton Blake had done at Doncaster earlier in the month which seems to suggest that the winners of this year's Champagne Stakes and Middle Park Stakes are much of a muchness. That means we must wait for the Devohurst Stakes which will be run at Newmarket in a fortnight to know which horse is likely to head this year's Free Handicap and become the winter favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. aud become the winter rayountee for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

The field for the Dewhurst Stakes is likely to include Sexton Blake, Persian Bold, the colt who was runner-up to Formidable yesterday, and Vincent O'Brien's lanest big race hope, the unbearen Northern Dancer colt, Try My Best, who is reputed to be better, than his stable companion Solinus who ran Sexton Blake to three quarters of a length at Doncaster. Their impending clash is a most savory prospect. Sheafs of paper offering ante-post odds on the outcome of next year's 2,000 Guineas were flying about in the wind after yesterday's race. In going 8-1 Sexton Blake and 10-1 both Formidable and Try My Best, the Tote clearly formed a

betrer opinion of yesterday's win-ner than either Hills or Lad-brokes who were content to offer brokes who were content to offer him at 14-1 last night.

But Formidable is the only one on which the big two see eye to eye because Hills go 8-1 Sexton Blake, 10-1 Try My Best and 12-1 John de Coombe whereas Ladbrokes have already installed Try My Best as their favourite at 7-1. Incidentally Paul Cole told me yesterday that his owner, Harry Warren, has decided to reject an offer of £350,000 for John de Coombe from abroad and that his colt who won the Prix de l'Art Salamandre at Longthamp earlier this month will definitely run in the Grand Criterium there next month.

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As for Pormidable, he will rest on his laurels having given both his trainer and his jockey their second taste of success in this second taste of success in this particular race in the last five years. Both Walwyn and Eddery are entitled to crow about yesterday's result and so too are Ray Barnes and Roger Charlton for quite different reasons. It was, Barnes who spent \$60,000 at Keeneland a year ago, buying Formidable on behalf of the handsome coit owner, Peter Goulandris, who also owned that good raceborse, Shoemakar, a few seasons ago. It was in Charlton's pool in

but it did not stop him clocking a spectacular time of Imin 11.22sec. The previous record was 1:11:35 which was held by a 4-year-old who carried 8st 11b. Formidable was always in the first rank yesterday just as he had been in the paddock beforehand where Persian Bold and Music Maestro also stood out. Persian Bold and Lableaus were to keep him company for four of the six furious but as they began to race down the hill into the day the writing was on the wall.

Eventually Formidable beat Persian Bold by three quarters of a length with Labienus two and a a length with Labienus two and a half lengths further back in third place. Tardot was found, What is interesting is that he was six lengths behind the winner yesterday whereas he was only four lengths behind Super Concorde when he won the Prix Moray at Deauville in August. Formidable is by the Argentine horse, Forli, who now stands at Claiborne in Kentucky.

Her victory was some consola-tion at least to her trainer Michael Stoute for the wretched perform-ance of Music Maestro who had run so badly in the big race half an hour earlier. By winning on Formidable, Eddery increased his lead over William Carson to 10 in the race for this year's jockeys' championship. Earlier in the day the reigning champion had also won the Southfleet Handicap on Rampage who was snother winner for her owners and breeders, Messrs R. B. and E. B. Mollier.

High Top filly for 15,500gns

Ingle Thoday, the breeder, victory for the sixth time at Good-turned buyer at the Newmarket wood on Tuesday, but the wner-buyer at the Newmarket wood on Tuesday, but the wner-October Yearling Sales yesterday breeder has not decided who will make, Romelia. The dam has bred when securing a full-sister to the Oaks fourth, Triple First, for 15,500 guineas. The filly, by 1972 2,000 Guineas winner, High Top, out of the Grey Sovereign mare, Field Mouse, was one of five yearlings offered by Freddie Lake's Epsom-based Woodcote Stud. The deal represented a handsome profit for Mr Laker, who had given 7,400 guineas for the filly as a foal.

Mr Thoday, who owns the Glebe House Stud at Cheveley just outside Newmarket, has bred a succession of useful performers, notably Miracle. Buss, and more

succession of useful performers, notably Miracle. Buss, and more recently, leading Cesarewitch fancy, Nearly A Hand.

John Winter's Bright Decision carried Mr Thoday's colours to

said: "I have bought her princisaid: "I have bought her principally for bredeing purposes. She will be trained in Newmarket but by whom I cannot say."

Triple First, trained by Michael Stoute, is the winner of six races, including the Musidora and Nassau Stakes. She started favourite fo rihe Oaks but had to settle for minor hoacours behind the Queen's Dunfermline.

Peter Richards, who has shared in the triumphs of so many topclass horses with his fellow-owner. Charles St George, paid 15,000 guineas for a Blakeney filly, distantly related to their 1972 Oaks scorer, Ginevra.

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Richards thwarted several of the big names to secure the filly bred Pulcinejia.

The produce of the miler, Pitcaira, whose yearling colt out of Sapling yesterday fetched 16,000 guineas, remained in great demand. Pitcaira's colt out of the wiming Darius mare, Kaniz, was bought for 9,200 guineas by Captain Marcos Lemos. Kaniz is the dam of Kadlevka, a smart Italian two-year-old.

The British Bloodstock Agency, who played a major part in many of yesterday's top transactions, remained active and the company had to give 9,600 guineas for a Sovereign Path-sired half-sister to six winners. This grey filly is six winners. This grey filly is bound for North America.

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3-4 Number Engaged, 9-12-1 McNally p-22 Major Owen, 8-10-12 . Offord 25t Ringarose, 8-10-6 . . . Barry 1-22 Soon for Sale, 5-10-1 . . . Leak 40-0 Sparkling Tarqua, 6-10-0 Barrett 6-4 Number Engaged, 9-4 Major Owen, 7-2 Soon for Salo, 10-1 Ringarose, Sparkling Tarqua.

2.30 ORCHARD HURDLE (Div

Native Partner (P. Gonlandris). 90 ... P. Eddery (16-8 fav) Persias Bold, br. c. by Golf Lad ifrei—Referrunner i R. Vahab-zadeh. 9-0 ... G. Lawis (5-1) Lableaus, br. c. ny Brigadier Gerard —Requisition (A. Richards). 9-0 E. Hide (15-2) Newmarket results 3.0 (2.4) SOUTHFIELD HANDICAP (3-y-o: \$2,259: 11-m)
Rampage, b (, by Busied—Boulette

3.0 (3.2) SENTINCK HANDICAP
(2.y-0: 21,777: 5f)
Redding Ridge, b c, by Royal
Scroke—Mon Ami (D, Holdway).
3-2 Row Hutchinson (11-2) 1
3 Tortamer, b c, by St Aiphago
—Terramer, Lass (G, Peter-Hoblyn). 8-12 I. Johnson (7-1) 2
Night Owri, b c, by Burghar—
Dawn Streak (A, Spence), 7-3
J. Blanks (26-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 few Woodchat (4th). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Woodshat (4h), 5-1 Bandido, 11-2 Lady Bequick, 8-1 Agorapha, Hindu Flame, 10-1 Treasure Secter, 9 ran, TOTE: Was, 80p; places, 18p, 52o, 68p; dual forecast, 52.91, D, Keith, at Winchestet, 59,71sec, 21-1, ak.

3.35 (3.36) MIDDLE PARK STAKES (3-y-o c and f: \$36.614; 6f; Formidable, b c. by Forli (US)—

2.0 OKEFORD STEEPLE- 3.0 OAK HURDLE (Handicap: 4.0 NEWLANDS STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: £637: 2m) £627: 2m) CHASE (Handicap: £685: 2m

5-2 Captain George, 3-1 Maniwaki, 4-1 Grangewood Giri, 5-1 No Defence, 3-1 Sport of Kings. 14-1 Rosey Out-look, 20-1 March Rite. 4.30 ORCHARD HURDLE (Div

3.30 OTTERBORNE STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: £650: 3m 5-1 Cartwright, B-11-1 Johan 10-3 Fettmist, 7-11-6 Smart 11- Fine Lodge, 11-10-12 Sarjon 11- Pine Lodge, 11-10-12 Sarjon 120 Tulker Boy, 11-10-3 Mal Share 7

- June Boy, 11-10-3 Mai Shaw 7
-313 Kelly's Hero, 9-10-2 O'Halloran
9-4 Pine Lodge, 11-4 Fertinist, 7-2
Cartorinist, 6-1 Kelly's Hero, 10-1
Rick On, Timber Boy.

H: 3-y-0: £435: 2m)
311 Green-Fingared, 11-12 Champion
222 Silver Tempest, 11-5. Hughes
Cannon of Milton, 10-12 Carroli
Greek Glanco, 10-12. Owen 7
0 Gwaynton, 10-12. Masy
03 Lum's Dream, 10-12. Hobbs
Mummy's Star, 10-12. Blacker
0 Somorton Prince, 10-12. Thoustor
7 The Song, 10-12. C. Jones 5
11-10 Green-Fingared, 3-1 Mummy's
Star, 7-2 Silver Tempest, 12-1 Lun's
Dream, Sumerton Prince, 20-1 others. Fontwell Park

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Arthorpe, 6-1 Music Maestro, 16-1 Tartol (4th), Royal Pinnacle, 7 ran. TOTE: Win. 21p: places, 14p. 29p; dupl forecast, 65p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. \$1. 25s. 1min 11.22ssc. Zabaroff did not run. 4.10 (4.13) ALINGTON STAKES (2-y-0 maidon fillies: £2,465; 6f) Solate, br f, by Home Guard— Electric Flash (A Schwafer), 8-11 P. Cook (4-1)

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8-11 P. Cook (4-1) 1

Vestina, b f, by Rum The Gauntlet
—Cloonagh (A. Soyd-Rochfort).

8-11 Mercor (9-1)

Red Grees, b f, by Cropello-Red

Velvet (Alrs D. McCalmant).

8-11 M. Soyd-Red

Velvet (Alrs D. McCalmant).

1-11 ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Elle Et Lol. 15-2

La Pampa, 14-1 Canydon Ride. Mul

Linda, 16-1 Venristia Belle, isthatchew,

Little Loch Broom. 23-1 Feorie (4th).

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Piccadily Line, b g, by Northfields
—Little Miss Muffet [7, Hammond, 4-8-6 T, Ives (11-4 Liv) 1
Crown Bowler, ch c, by Supreme Soversign—All Drake (R. Postin), 5-15-2. L. Piggott [1-2] 2
Bagshot, b c, by Comanght—Cristic (Mrs J. de Robechild), 4-9-5
G, Lowis (4-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 5-1 The Dodger, 6-1
Mister Gogifrey, 7-1 Trustial (4th),
9-1 Echo Summit. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 24p, 22p,
£1.54 F. Rimell, at Severn Store,
3'sl, 2'.2. 2min 56.88sec. Paparo did
not run.

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2.0: 1. King Jamie (10-1): 2. Triole
(10-1: 5. Tabaqui (20-1): Old
Smokey. evens. for. 7 for.
2.30: 1. Perstan Friezo fevens
fay): 2. Lewesdon Lady (12-1): 5.
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2.15; 1. Palace (7.2 it fav); 2. Bright Comet (7.2 it fav); 3. Deependont (6.1), 12 ran.
2.45; 1. Autumn Glow (9.4) [1 fav); 2. Pewter Spear (4.1) 2. Piyor Peterill (10-1), Tamdhu 2-4) [t fav, 12 ran. ran. 5.15: 1. Blue Chrome (4-6): 2, Cool Cabriel (9-2): 3, Beisten (11-1), 5 3 ran. 4.45: 1. Apple at Night (8-1): 2. Veno Blar (20-1): 3. Denguetral (6-1). Cheviot Guide 9-4 fav: 10 ran. Tamohu did not run.

Devon and Exeter

2.15: 1. Spider Man (5-4 fav); 2. Framiand (5-1); 3. Searing Leader 18-1: 10 ran.
2.45: 1 Gay God (5-1); [439: 2.45: 2.4 Frimiand (6-1): 3. Schriet Leader 18-1: 10 ran.
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3.13: 1. Young (7-1): 3. Charilestantord (9-1). Sweet Millie, 9-1 fav.
7 ran.

Motor racing

Lauda will not be unduly put out if strong Scheckter sets pace

John Blussen.

Jody Scheckter, who has chosen to renew his driving contract with Walter Wolf rather than drive for Ferrari next year as Niki Landa's successor, has his last opportunity this weekend to prevent Landa from becoming the 1977 world chantener.

champion.

To do so he must win the United States Grand Prix (and then go on to win the races in Canada and Japon as well) and see Landa finish out of the first six places. It is a tail order—much faller, indeed, than that which confronted James Hunt at the same circuit far-from-recovered Landa.

Last year Scheckter finished a close second to Hunt after leading him for more than helf the race in his six-whoeled Tyrrell. With a lighter and more competitive car this year he must be a strong candidate for victory on a more than usually fatiguing circuit, where his great physical fitness can be used to considerable advantage.

solation for dropping out of the championship front.

With his fittle soon to be taken away from then, Hunt can also concentrate on race victories rather than on mathematical calculation, and the McLaren-Ford MZ6 should be seen to be among the most competitive runners when official race qualification trials begin this morning. For all the leading teams, however, much will depend on the state of the weather. Even if it is dry Watkins Gien

duarters.

Mario Andrecci offers perhaps the higgest charge threat to a Wolf-Ford victury. The ease of his victory in the Italian Grand Prix was impressive, and the Louis-built John Player Special should be even more at home cn wrong the next.

Can be warm one day and himerly cold the next at 10% time of the year, and the year, and the troublescene at this race, where the Louis-built John Player Special should be even more at home cn wrong the next.

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should be even more at home on a circuit where an abundance of the first time since they, entered grand prix racing at mid-seasun Remarks aim to have a constanding traction. For Andretti there is a drubble enter a mental prix victorial of Jean-Plarre Jabonide, they to his score, for it was at which has been built in Rutain and flown out in order that first formula one appearance in 1968 and shocked the establishment by taking pole position, and by winning the United States. Grand Prix West at Long Beach the has the opportunity to complete a unique American dauble "this year as some cannels at the tractice for dropping out of the championship trust.

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Lloyd has to struggle to beat Booth

David Lloyd's eperimental racket took the British Davis Cup player into the semi-finals of the rournament in Ediaburgh yesterday. He best Robert Booth, the newcomer from Hampshire, 6—4, 6—4 but had to work a lot harder than expected.

end.

Lloyd missed two set points at 5.-3 in the first set. He was beaten by a back-hand pass and then netted a back-hand. In the second set he gained the vital service break for 2-f lead.

Ann Hobbs kept Britain in the lead in defence of the women's Under-21 team champioostip when she beat Susan Pridham, of Canada, 6-4. 6-1. Miss Hobbs rook a 3-0 lead only to be caught at 3-3 in the first set but after

Proposal to ban Dr Richards racket is beats first seed with ease

likely to succeed New York, Sept 29.—The controversial double-strung "spag-heati" tennis racket will probably be banned from tournament competition at a meeting of the International Tennis Federation this weekend, The New York Times reports today. A priposary outline the racket will be intro-Clearwater, Florida, Sept 29 .-first-seeded Rosemary Casals resperday to knock her out of the Women's Tennis Association Open in the first round with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph. The surprising victo outlaw the racket will be intro-duced at an ITF meeting in Barcelofia, Spain, the Times reported, and overwhelming approved is expected. The ban would be in effect until permanent rules are brought in regarding legal size, shape and composition of rackets—something tennis has never had.

The racket is made with nylon, lish the intervoven with the usual Casals, ranked No 6 in the world, was her biggest ever. Miss Casals managed to break the muscular Dr Richards's serve only once.
"I felt I was ready to beat someone in the top 10", Dr Richards said after the match. "I k was apparent to me she was going to try and play the ball short and drop shot me every chance she could. I knew I could win." In drop shot me every chance she could. I knew I could win." In another evening match the second-seeded Billie Jean King—Dr Richards's doubles partner for the tournament—was beaten 6—1 in the first set against the Australian Heten Cawley, then came back to win the next two sets 6—3.

In the only second-round match played the eighth-seeded Mona Guerrant outlessed Jeanne Evert, 6—1, 7—6, 5—2. Steve Docherty beat Ray Moore of South Africa, 4—6, 7—6, 6—3. Butch Walts beat Fred McNair, 7—5. 6—1, Hank Pfister defeated John James, 6—2, 2—6, 7—5, Marty Riessen beat the seventh seed Phil Dept of Australia, 6—3, 6—2, the fourthranked Dick Stockton beat Van Winitsky, 6—7, 6—2, 6—1, Bob Lutz beat Tom Gullikson, 3—6, 6—1, 6—4, and the fifth seeded Harold Solomon beat Jurgen Fassbender of West Germany, 6—2, 6—4.—UPI.

The racket is made with nylon lish line, interwoven with the usual criss-cross racket atringing to produce a finicker racket face which gives extra spin to the ball. It was used successfully in the United States Open by Michael Fishbach, a little-known qualifying player who reached the shird round, upsetting the sixteenth seeded Stan Smith along the way Georges Goven and Barry Phillips-Moore have used it with success on the European circuit, and last week a Frenchman, Christophe Roger-Vassetin, reached the finals of a Grand Prix tournament while using one.

Racing

Versatile Yule Log lands a gamble at Devon

Yule Log, winer of the Great Met at Epsom in the spring landed a substantial gamble from 5-1 to 15-8 in the Well To Do Challenge trophy at Devon and Exeter yesterday.

Ron Hyett, riding his first winer of the season, jumped Yule Log post Tranby two flights out, and, although flattening the last, the favourite ran on strongly to hold off Monas Express by three lengths.

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This was a change of luck for trainer David Wintle who "lost." Ironbridge here on Wednesday, claimed by a Belgian visitor after finishing second in the "seller". The Westbury-on-Severn trainer would have liked to run Yule Log in the Cesarewitch but the gelding was officially rated 51b too low to qualify. "Yet most of the horses he beat at Epsom are in the Cesarewitch", said Wintle. Bob Turnell's stranning Steenle-Bob Turnell's strapping Steeple-chaser Gold Sol, seeking a come-

back, tried to make all the run-ning in the Falmouth Handicap ning in the Falmouth Handicap
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Gay God is only half the size of Golden Sol, but the winner's trainer, Tony Pearman, said: "If his frame matched his heart he'd

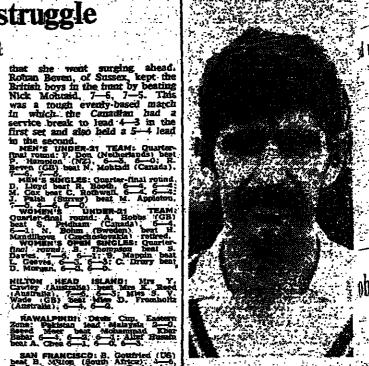
of a Grand Prix tournament while using one.

Hie Nastase of Romania, beaten last week by Goven and his double-strung racket, picked up one and used it in beating Rolf Norberg in another Grand Prix event yesterday. Several European federations have already banned the racket, which was developed by a West German scientist, and has no formal name.—A.P.

The first division of the Novices. Hirdle went to the well backed Spider Man, who jumped ahead at the last Flight and best Framiand by four lengths, giving Paul Richards and Betty Kennard their first success of the season.

Richards, whose riding allowance is now cut from 5b to 3b, handled Spider Man beautifully and kept him going well for, as Mrs Kennard said This, is only the second time Spider Man has been a reconstruction and halo AMERICAM LEAGUE: Now York
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Bhurstone joins Derby



Jim Watts captains

Northants Northamptonshire County Cricker Club have appointed their former capain the 37-year-old half lim Watts, to be capatin for the next three years. Watts was capain from 1971-74 and their refired to train as a schoolteached but now returning.

Making the amouncement, Mr High Wright, the club chairman, criticized the former captain, Musician Mobiusmad, who resigned Mostrag Moranamad, who resigned; last season with four matches left, when he heard the committee were negotiating with Watts. Me Wright said: "The committee last been concerned for some time at the lack of leadership and guidance in the dressing room and as the season proposessed it hereas clear.

"The doubts cast over Mushrag's future by him joining the Kerry Packer organization and the lack of confidence in him expressed by players and committee, made it necessary to seek an alternative."

Mushaq replied yesterday: These comments are abourd and cannot understand them. When I cannot understand them. When I was captain the team was 100 per cent befind me and we get results. In my first year as captain in 1976 we won the Gellette Cup, finished second in the championship and high up in the John Player League. Last season we reached the Benson & Hadges Cup semi-firm and the Gillette Cup quarrer final and we still had a chance of the championship when I resigned with four matches left because I heard they were negotiating with Inn Warts. They cannot blame me."

English touring team off to impressive start

Hongking, Sept 29. — The Derrick Robins cricket team began their three-match tour here in line style today by beating a Combined Services KI by 1664 runs in a one-day match. Batting first the touring team stored an impressive 306 for three declared, with Gower, the Leiczstershire batsman, storeing a spirited 114, and Smith, the Middleset: opener, a fine 30. Philing weighed in with 74.

Combined Services could for little against the boaring might of the yighter, who attitled them all out for 142. Emburey the poung Middlesex off-spinner, got four for 26. Carrick, of Yosk shire, who was impressive it singapore, took three for 25 and the Pakistant versual infiktab Alam, three for 33.

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The Stratford winner, Corramacorra was not troubled to land the
odds in the Bodmin Novices
Steeplechase and put David Gandolfo on ten winners, just behind
Arthur Stephenson. Corramacorra,
a top of the ground horse, comes
back to here next week for his
hat-brick.

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Space Butler's eminence made dramatic

Golf Correspondent

Peter Butler, taking advantage of the best of the weather, was the only player at Lindrick yester-day in the Dunion Masters to the property of the field at two-stroke lead over the field at the wind that rose in the model of the way round that it began to become a serious challenge of the turn in \$1, a score matched only by Neil Coles, who holed a 40-yard wedge shot at the leighth for an eagle.

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holed a 40-yard wedge shot at the eighth for an eagle.

If Butler's golf is not of the kind to set the pulse racing, it remains efficient and consistent. It comes naturally to him to flight the ball, and he has one of the most sensitive touches on the green, He had three birdies in a row going out, and it would have been four if his bunker shot at the third had not failed by an inch or two to drop. His most valuable birdie came at the fifth, a hole which was causing much trouble; there he hit two woods to the green and holed from about 15 feet. Good seconds with woods to that green by both Brown and that green by both Brown and Waites got less than their full reward, for they trickled off the green, leaving them awkward little shots from sand.

one would not want to make two much of Butler having the best of the weather, but the point was underlined by the figures.

The first half of the field of 56, in which he played, contained 11 scores better than 73; in the second half there were only four. Scaring generally was not as good as on the first day: It was not that the wind was all that much stronger; Coles reckoned it to have been about the crue but the

He took the chance, and failed by perhaps six inches to get over the top. He tried the same shot again, and again it failed. Henry Cotton thought it was no more

Card of course

Second round scores

78. Jaoger (Mount Irvine Bay), 74. R. Gallardo (Spain), 75. J. Morgan (Royal Liverpoot), 75. 76. 150. 9. Charles (NZ), 76, 74. 150. M. Gregson (Lark Valley), 78, 72. M. King (C. E. Heath), 76.

A. Garrido (Smath), 72, 78 Owen (NZ), 72, 78; D. Vanighan II. Valley, 75, 77 V. Rallesteros (Spath), 76, 72, M. Stylan (LS), 75, 79, M. James (Rurphley Part), 75, P. Polland (Seisten Park), 76, P. Togsaddi (Beignan), 76, M. Shearer (Australia), 75, 77; Muggett (Cambridge Hotel), 78,

Jacobs gives up position

John Jacobs will not continue in After his introduction of highe Division of the Professional Colfers' Association next year. His reason for resigning is his increasing overseas commitments,

minimum prize levels, the 1972 overall total advanced to £441,855. When Jacobs reverted to the position of consultant last year, Tournament Player's position of consultant last year, prize money was well on the way to film and a fully autonomous Tournament Player's Division has been established within the PGA. Peter Townsend has been nominated to fill the position on the Tournament Committee, after the resignation of Brian Barnes. particularly in America.

Jacobs took on the new position of PGA tournament director general in 1971 when the circuit prize money totalled -£256,800.

Northall Olympic Games

Sweden will probably put in bid to be hosts

vill submit a bid to bost the 1984 Winter Olympic Games if the government, as expected, agrees next mouth to shoulder an estimated 75m kronor (£9,000,000) mated 75m kronor (£9,000,000)
deficit. A government study presented by Mr Rolf Raemgaard,
MP, at a press conference here
today said most of the expected
deficit would be because of the
cost of installing relevision and
other communications equipment,
which could only be partially recovered by selling broadcast rights
to foreign media.
The west coast port of Göteborg

covered by selling broadcast rights to foreign media.

The west coast port of Göteborg would be the main centre for the Games, with opening and closing ceremoties, skating and fee hockey. Other events would take place at three north Swedish winter sport centres: nordic skiing at Falun, luge at Hammarstrand and alpine events at Aare.

The study said that existing facilities would be used in most cases and only 10m kronor (about £1,000,000) would be needed to build a new ski jump at Aare, buy electronic scoring equipment for Göteborg and snow-making machines for Falun and ingrade the luge course at Hammarstrand.

The Agriculture Minister, Anders Dahigren, who will present the study to the cabinet in about

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ream off to

three weeks for a decision on whether to cover the deficit for the games, said today: "I don't believe this will cause any political battle. Most of the money will not be needed until 1983-84, and by then I hope we will be in better generate starts." onomic shape."
'By spreading the arrangements

around to various places we can keep costs down ", Mr Raemgaard

The Swedish Olympic committee secretary-general Bo Bengtson, a member of the group that produced the government study, today expressed optimism that the government would commit itself to paying the deficit. Sweden must submit its bid to the International Olympic committee by October 31 and the IOC is expected to arrive at its decision in Athens next May, Japan, France, Czechoslovakia and Greece are also expected to hid for the 1984 Winter Games. "I know that IOC president Lord Killanin favours the idea of spreading the arrangements to Lord Killanin tavours the idea of spreading the arrangements to several centres within a country to keep down costs, which is our strongest argument to the IOC". Mr Bengtson declared.

"If we are give nihe games a new principle will have been introduced which may serve as a model for the Olympics in the future", he added.—Reuter.

Science report

Medicine: Lengthy drug testing on animals

All new drugs are tested on animals nowadays and in must cases the experiments continue for vears. In the United States the Food and Drugs Administration is required by law to ban homan consumption of any medicine shown to cause cancer in those animal tests, but in Brimin the Medicines Commission has more discretion. The need for a flexible approach is evident in a report from St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on the fertility drug. Bromocriptine.

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Bromocriptine acts on the hormone-release centres within the brain. It has proved effective in treating some forms of infertility in women and in stopping milk production in those who do not want to breast feed. Its actions on the brain also make it valuable in treating conditions, such as acromegaly (an increase in the size of the bones due to excess secretion of growth hormone) and Parkinson's Disease.

Unfortunately, the animal tests carried out by the Swiss pharmaceutical firm Sandox have shown that rats which have been given Bromocriptine for two years develop cellular changes in the endometrial lining of the uterus, propressing in some cases, to cancer. On hearing that news St Bartholomew's decided to examine all their regions.

mew's decided to examine all their woman patients who had been given Bromocriptine for any

In all 108 women were recalled : to were pregnant at the time. Irrestment with Bromocriptine had been given for as long as six rears in some cases. On synaco-ogical examination, including the reals above the of cells taken from the

abnormal hormonal state to normal and is intended to induce a normal and is intended to induce a normal menstrual cycle in women who have not been menstruating. Indeed, the report says, that change from abnormality to normality may protect the women from developing endometrial

rom developing entouted according tests and the theoretical background both suggest that Bromocriptine will not cause numan cancer, proper caution requires that patients given the drug should be kept under regular specialist surveillance. The drug is not given for trivial illnesses, and padents who need it for control of their hormonal abnormalities seem likely to accept the need for prolonged supervision. With Bromocriptine, as with every drug, each decision to prescribe should be based on a balance of potential risks and likely benefits, and with new drugs only time can provide the information on which the size of those risks can be assessed.

By Our Medical Correspondent. By Our Medical Correspondent. Source: British Medical Journal October 1, p 868.



Peter Butler, who took advantage of the weather to break 70.

Boxing

Maguire's brave show after

Cut eye

Cagliari. Sardinia. Sept 29.—
Paddy Magure, of Ireland, was forced to renre with an ugly cut over his left eye after a brave attempt to wrest the European bantamweight title from the Italian champion. Franco Zurlo, here. Maguire's seconds stepped in at the end of the eighth round to force their man to cutteds as in at the end of the eighth round to force their man to contede as blood poured from a had cut opened up by the veteran Italian as early as the first round. The stylich Zurlo, at 37 eight years older than the Irishman, had forused his left-jah attacks eleverly on the damaged eye in the face of Magnire's bushing aggression. In the eighth a devastating right-left combination to the head rucked Magnire, who pluckily stayed on his feet as the Italian crowd roared Zurlo on to victory.

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In the fourth round Maguire, gamely taking the fight to the champion, opened up a cut over Zurlo's right eye, but was unable to seize the initiative as the experienced Italian kept him at a distance with canny defence. Zurlo heat Jacky Bihin, of France, in eight rounds in a title defence last June.—Agencies.

Squash rackets AUSTRALIA. Show jumping

First and third place for Robert Smith

By Pamela Macgregor Morris
Sixteen-year-old Robert Smith,
the elder son of Harvey Smith,
won the Everest Double Glazing
trophy at Park Farm, Northwood,
yesterday, administering a beating
to his father, and to David Broome, who finished second. He also filled third place, for good measure, earning another \$500, having gained his victory on Royal Rufus, and finishing third on the former show hunter. Upton. Eleven went clear initially, and

the course for thefirst barrage failed to sort the men from the boys, for both Robert's horses were clear again, and so was young John Brown from Scotland, on Paddy Connelly. Broome qualified on Phileo, to go against the clock, and Harvey Smith failed to get Spooky round in less than eight faults.

Bristol start lottery Money troubled Bristol Rovers yesterday launched a lottery in a bid to off-set losses from falling crowd attendances. The second division club hope to net 55,000 a week and eventually profit to the tune of half a million pounds a year.

year. Hudderstield Town have dismissed their team manager john Haselden. The club. second from bottom of the fourth division, are still without a win this season and have not won a match since

Broome and Philo opened the third round over arcally testing course, and were clear to the very last, where they rolled a pole going out of the treble in 17.3sec. Robert Smith, on the first of his ridts, Royal Rufus, turned what they for proposed. jumped what was to prove the only clear round in 44.7sec. Paddy Connelly left the ring with 12 faults in the fastestime, 36.7sec and finally Robert came again on Upton, who had two down.

Malcolm Pyrah won the Park

Farm Stakes in the morning on Askern, with a clear round in 25.8sec to beat Graham Fletcher's 27.2 on Tauna Dora. Diane Daw-son, the Australian girl who arrived here in May, finished third on Golonite, 0.2sec slower. RESULT: 1, R. Smith's Royal Rurus: 2, Harris vargets' Philos (D. Broomes, E. R. Smith's Upton

Canto to defend again

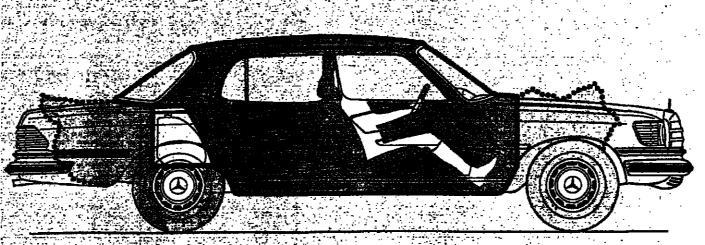
Mexico City, Sept 28.—The World Boraing Council (WBC) have told Miguel Canto, the Mexican world flyweight champion, to defend his title against Shoji Oguma, of Japan, in Tokyonext January 4. Canto heat Oguma last January.

Los Angeles, Sept 29.—Carlo: Zarate's defence of his World Boxing Council bantanweight title against Danilo Batista of Brazil has been out back one day to October 8, premoter Danny Villanueva announced.—Reuter.

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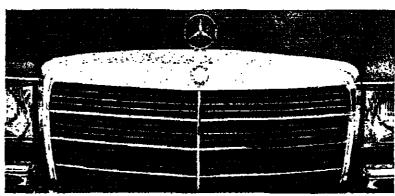
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Can Labour learn to stop worrying and love the EEC?

Rashly optimistic though the decision by not cooperating Labour Party conference may bring encouragement to those who would like to see Britain whole cooperating more whole heartedly in the European

taken place, and that the Labour movement as a whole is just about ready to accept the reality of Britain's EEC membership, almost four years after the event. Perhaps the Erighton conference will show that British socialists are even ready to play a full part in efforts to build a better, and more democratic EEC.

Among the hopeful auguries have been the TUC's overwhelming rejection earlier this month of a motion favouring withdrawal, after Mr Jack Jones had described it as unrealistic and undemocratic in the light Peter Shore, a prominent anti-Marketeer, said it would be "frivolous" to reopen the ques-tion of membership without evidence of a settled and pre-porter of a settled and preponderant desire to secede; and Mrs Castle has warned against fighting the next general election on a negative platform, and has urged that the momen-tum be forward, not back.

Even the somewhat curnud-georly statement of the Labour Party's National Executive Council to the conference, while speaking of the goal of "a wider but much looser group-ing of European states", calls fundamental reform, not withdrawal.

These events have made a strong impression on the leaders strong impression on the readers of both the pro and anti-EEC ginger groups in Britain. Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the European Movement, former Labour Cabinet minister and one of Britain's Eirst Commissioners in Brussels, the state of the European Brussels, the state of the European Cabinet and the European Movement, former Labour Cabinet and Service Commissioners in Brussels, the European Cabinet and Service Cabinet Service Cabi thought the TUC vote in par-ticular was "immensely impor-tant". Some trade union leaders had described it to him as a "watershed" in the Labour movement's acceptance of the reality of membership, he said

in an interview.

He thought that the way Mr
Jones had "very realistically" demolished the case for reopen-ing the issue of membership, while stressing that he had lots of criticisms of the way the EEC worked, provided a good deal of common ground for those previously labelled as "pros"

Earlier this summer, he recalled, some people on the national executive and in the Tribune Group had sought to reopen the whole issue of con-tinued membership. "What the TUC has done, with the instinctcommon sense that the trade union movement often has, is to say this is not a political

reality.
"I certainly hope that what will come out of the Labour Party conference is a confirmation of the TUC attitude, and therefore a willingness to tackle in a constructive way the very serious problems of the reform of the Community".

Lord Thomson could not understand why the national executive had been "sulking in ", as he put it, over the preparations for direct elections to the European Parliament next spring. The party had joined the Confederation of European Socialist Parties, but it had made the worst of this

idea may seem, next week's fully in the working parties shaping the common platform. This illogical posture had meant that, in practice, the Conservatives had been given an "immense head start"

Lord Thomson thought anti-The portents suggest that what Mrs Barbara Castle, a virulent anti-Marketeer, recently called a quiet revolution has dilution of its institutions. Greece, Portugal and Spain were not seeking to join a loose, Efta-type Community, but an integrated economic structure. He also found it "extremely striking" that those who had the most direct experience of distance him in the posture. dictatorship in the postwar period put so high a value on EEC membership

A very different interpreta-tion of events came, inevitably, from Mr Bryan Gould, Labour MP for Southampton Test, chairman of the umbrella anti-EEC group, the Safeguard Britain Campaign, and a highly intelligent

economist.

For him, the TUC vote was not significant. The TUC would have defeated a straight call for withdrawal at any stage after the referendum, as would the Labour Party conference. As it was, similar resolutions put forward for Brighton had een withdrawn under the three-year rule" (designed to stop old issues being thrashed over again after being "settled"). Instead there are four calling for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, three opposed to direct elec-tions and one urging prepara-

As Mr Gould sees the situation, there has been increasing opposition among "ordinary people" to EEC membership, so it would be in a sense a paradox if Labour opinion were moving in the opposite way. But there was a tactical or strategic dilemma: what practical response should general feeling produce? Tribune's campaign in June had perhaps collected fewer and had demonstrated the difficulty of regarding withdrawal as a practical political issue for the immediate future. However strong dissatisfaction with the EEC was at present there would not be any with

a parliament or two. So in the meantime we want to concentrate on aspects of the Community which are damaging to us and in need of reform. In the process of building up public concern over these issues, either we achieve reforms and fundamentally change the nature of the Community; or we build up such dissatisfaction that

politics." Mr Gould thought it would heln if the small group of ardent pro-Marketeers could for example, accept that the Common Agricultural Policy did lead to higher food prices.
"I think the time has passed for recriminations. I would like to see as near as possible an agreed view on what is wrong with the Community, and then let's see what can be done

Wise and constructive words which, if echoed at Brighton,

Roger Berthoud

The US Administration drops the big stick in favour of a more subtle approach

Mr Carter listens to the march of history in his campaign for human rights

Although his flamboyant per sonal gestures on behalf of political dissidents appear to have ceased, President Carter has made it abundently clear that his administration will persist with its crusade to uphold human rights at home and abroad.

In his latest public statement on his aims he says that since he took office some eight months ago he has sought weave a due regard for those rigors into the fabric" of Inited States foreign policy. One of the incidental effects of this necessarily somewhat experimental effort has been a nationwide — indeed worldwide—debate on the nature of human rights and how best they may be advanced", he writes in an article specially commis-sioned for the Baltimore Sun. Conceding this is no easy task; he points out that human rights cannot be the only goal of United States

foreign policy, at least not in a world in which peace is literally a matter of survival. "We are circumscribed by the fact that a choice that moves us towards one of our goals may move us farther away from another and by the limits "In this imperfect world the results of our actions will

usually be mixed even when our motives are not". Mo Carter believes. Nevertheless through public discussion and private persuasion, he feels that some progress has been made, although "quick or easy" "quick or easy" results cannot be expected in a struggle which has been going on for ceu-

the difficulties inherent in pur-suing an effective human rights policy and the long-term nature of the whole enterprise contrasts somewhat with the excessive idealism of some of earlier actions in support of Soviet dissidents, for exam-



Presidents Carter and Pinochet: promises made in Washington are not always kept

bolic interventions like his letter to Dr Andrei Sakharov and his meeting with Mr Vladimir Bukovsky shortly after he took office points to a significant change of tactics.

After successfully stimulating international awareness of humon rights abuses, the em-phasis is now placed on more discrete and direct pressures for changes during meetings between government leaders or their representatives.

Thus when Mr Carter met vidually during the recent festivities surrounding the signing of the new Panama Canal treaties he refrained from public criticism of any oppressive practices. Keenly aware be needed their support in his campaign to sell the treaties to public, he clearly wanted to avoid any dispute which might mar an otherwise harmonious

A few months earlier he his discussions with a contro-versial figure like President

Augusto Proochet of Chile as a example, was a major political useful occasion for some causing whose treatment was no comments before the televi- clearly the responsibility of sion cameras or even to boy-cort han as some human rights groups had demended. But on that occasion he had other conflicting, more foreign policy goals.

Norwithstanding this generally lower key approach to human rights, however, there have been several recent ina public protest. The mest obvious of these was the statement by Mr Cyrus Vance, the threatened withdrawal of Secretary of Sine, that he was economic and military aid have "shocked and saddened" at continued unabated. With the the mysterious death of Mr full support of Congress, Steven Biko, the black African erring governments are fre-

depends on the gravity of the ment at such interferences by offence in question and the Washington in their internal significance of the individual affairs, some countries particular officials say. Mr Biko, for which rely heavily on United

the South African government. One official says, "His death One official says, "His death wasn't something that occurred out of nowhere. It was within the control of the government and represented a clear deliance of accepted stand-

While public castigation of human rights infringements has been the most conspicuous aspect of the administration's human rights policy, other less Steven Biko, the black African leader, in a South African quently warned of the direct consequences during discussing whether to make public the administration's displeasure of a particular violation. ment at such interferences by

States aid, have taken steps, albeit modest to comply with American wishes. After a visir to Chile, Argeorina, Paraguay and Uruguay, last mouth, Terence Todman, Assis detected a considerable decline in the number of political disappearances and

More recently the Nicara guan Government has lifted the state of siege it imposed some three years ago, apparently after Washington had warned that a net 2,500,000 dollar military sid agreement might be held up. willingness among Latin American countries to permit ruman rights investigations by international bodies. Nevertheless, it is not at all clear after only a few months how many of these actions are

genuine signs of a change of heart or have been taken for where human rights are conpurely cosmetic reasons. Human rights campaigners in the United States fear the

dent Pinochet promise to mend their ways when they are in Washington and them indicate when they return home that nothing will change:

Indeed, one of the draw backs of the prominence of the human rights issue under ward governments are tempted out of few of retaliation by the United States if their crimes are discovered. This central Santiago; several summoned by the government press office and warded they might be imprisoned or expelled if they published the news outside Chile.

Outside those parts of Late America. Africa and the Far East, where American econo mic and military influence is greatest, the campaign for enhanced human rights has been considerably less success-ful Indeed in the Sovier Union and Eastern Europe, ir proved counterproductive in terms of fulfilling other crucial American foreign policy goals like ending the arms

some of Mr Carter's shrill sidents was almost certainly one of the determining factors

As might be expected. Presi dent Carter still professes opti-mism in the long run. His-tory moves slowly and fit-fully", he writes in the Balti-more Sun. But as long as ne-are true to ourselves, history,

David Cross

Bernard Levin

Ask not for whom the Celestial Tootle tolls

drawal until there was a parlia-mentary majority for it, which clearly would not be for the view of three American scientists-let us call them freeman, Hardy and Willis— that the universe is liable to come to an abrupt end by suffering a gravitational collapse which will mean that the entire works, including the solar system, the galaxies, Mr Roy Hattersley, indeed absolutely everything within the farthest limits of space—will disappear-phfff: !-into withdrawal becomes practical enormous Black Hole. Just

Now when I read a report of this alarming prediction, my thoughts, like Belshazzar's, were greatly troubled by this writing, and my knees smote one against another. At first I thought vaguely about going and standing in the middle of Wimbledon Common (though not under a tree, of course), where I might be safe, until I mon was destined to go down the same celestial plughole as will hearten those much-tried friends of Britain on the Coneverything els:, a conclusion which also ruled out my alternative plan, which was to make myself a huge pile of sand-wiches and crawl into the cupboard under the stairs.

> That left me, as you may imagine, nonplussed. I studied the report more closely, in case I could detect a flaw in the argument or a lack of rigour in the experimental method the dauntful three had employed, but in vain; it seemed that they had looked through a special telescope for four

they had seen that the quasars, those merry little fellows on the outer perimeter of the universe (mind you, they are not as merry as their baby brothers, the pulsars), were receding less rapidly than were wont to, from which it naturally followed in the they have the control of the control o followed inescapably that the entire universe was destined to behave in the manner des-

1 cancelled the papers, changed into evening dress and sat down on the control of sat down on the sofa with a volume of Ovid in my band; I was determined to meet the end of civilization in a civilized went to the window and peered out; I could see nothing to suggest that sola, Ovid and I were about to be engulfed together in oblivion. Indeed, I could not even see any quasars, though it is true that the day was rather cloudy. I studied the report once more, thing I had missed, even though I had already searched it with precisely that possi-bility in mind. And sure enough, there it was; apparently the disagreeable events predicted by Cubitt, Fitzpatrick and Shand are not due to take place for another 100,000,000,000 years. I reordered the papers. . .

I am, as you must know, a realistic and practical man, not much given to flights of extravagant fancy or exaggerated hopes and fears. I am therefore inclined to feel that, however

universe if Professors Wilson, Keppel and Betty are right, I need not set upset about some-thing not due to happen for another 100,000,000,000 years. True, I feel very fit and rested after my holiday, and my doctor says (with an air of surpuse that verges upon indignation) that he can find nothing wrong with me. With reasonable care, therefore, I may be good for nme vears vet. Bût I really do believe, without any exaggera hundred thousand million of

them should see me out, even

allowing for something by way

of a margin. But we Levins are not the folk to murmur "When self safe, pull up ladder", and pass on. Even if I am not here in 100,000.000,000 years, what about those who are? Do they not need some reassurance Yet what reassurance can they have, faced with the prospect of a cataclysm so all-embracing that it is not only Wimbledon Common and the cupboard under the stairs that will be useless as refuges, but also the farthest stars and the emptiest echoing reaches of interstellar

Well, to start with there is the suspiciously round figure presented by Kilgour, French and Stanbury. Naturally, in these matters great exactitude is difficult to attain, and I for one do not complain that Crosby, Stills and Nash did not announce that the Big Gulp is

Aren't you getting a bit

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at precisely twenty past four in the afternoon. All the same, a figure consisting of a one followed by eleven noughts does suggest strongly to me a ten-dency among those in charge to take the more detailed calcula-tions as read, if not indeed to do no more than go on writing noughts until they got to the edge of the page and then declare that the resulting figure could have avoided a lot of unpleasantness by using a wider But of course that does not

provide complete reassurance. would be small comfort for a man told that he is going to vanish in a bundred thousand million years time to learn later that his rendezvous with destiny might take a little more time than at first supposed, or a little less; what he wants to hear is that it is very unlikely to happen at all. Peace, fraidy cats; I am here to tell you precisely that. The truth is that Knight, Frank and Rutley, with their notion of the universe vanishing up a passing orifice, are wasting their breath and our

time.
If I say that nobody—not even Ind, Coope and Allsop-bas the remotest shadow of a potion of how the universe, began or how, if at all, it will finish, ordinary same people will probably not bother to finish this column, so obvious and unnecessary is the contention. Of course nobody knows how it started or where it is

official capacity, blows a whistle (the ceremony is called ing that it began with a Big-Bang, and start believing that it began with a Steady State, barmless occupation, and keeps true and they could prove out of the piges of Nature), and since there is no way of even never in ver danger of being proved wrong

No such ceremony is con-nected with theories of bow the universe will end because in this field there is such a bewilderingly large variety to choose from and the belief held by any particular scientist is changed so frequently, that it has proved impossible to regu-late the traffic at all. Which is hardly surprising; if there is no way of distorering what did happen in the remote past, how can enybody seriously claim to know what will happen in the

remote future?

Just stop and contemplate, if you would, the absurdity of a world which takes seriously claims such as the one just made by Oswaid, Hickson and Collier about the way the world ends. In a hundred thousand million years, they insist, some-thing dreadful is going to hap-pen to the entire universe; and this they know because they

have discovered, that certain-celestial bodies are now moving the Celestial Tootle) and all once did—the celestial bodies asyronomers either stop believ in question, I might add, being ones the very nature of which is a total mystery to Professors Colman, Prentice and Varley as or (depending on which they much as to everybody else believed at the last quinquen I often wonder why the nial point) vice versa. It is a bother. Even supposing it was

> about it? A massive governous ment distribution of free in it raid shelters will not help may more than the drawing up in plans; all they are doing as appetting people, without even the excuse that they are upsetting them for their own good

(And a pretty lousy excuse that usually is, anyway.) My advice to you all is to take your fingers out of your ears and cheer up. The only thing that can be said with any certainty at all about the universe is that it yet hes said

prises in store. Many years ago? Beachcomber discovered a scientific report which declared scientific report which declared that "At the rate at which the sea is encroaching on the land in East Anglia, Ely Cathedral will be completely surrounded by water in 10,000 years." The sage printed the item, and added only the magisterial comment. I have sent word to the Bishop." And that goes for Messrs Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, 100.

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Story with the

wrong ending

from Tower Hamsets, East London, stipulated in his will that

there was to be no funeral, and that his ashes were to be in-

conspicuously deposited in any convenient dustoin for refuse a collection in the usual way."

He died last May, His will be was published vesterday. His

was published yesterday. He haddady and he nephew had both signed it without reading his is so they did not know about his last request. In the event, his ashes were in burded, in the absence of refer tives, under a hydranges bed at layer and had not know of his wishes about the ashes 1 and 2 as sockeanso. But you could sto he achieved part of his request.

he achieved part of his request. He was at least buried with

You could say that Kenneth and schools James admost got his own way.

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A win for Mrs Thatcher in the Liberal game of Let's Pretend

This absolutely ravishing girl from Lager (The Liberal Action Group for Electoral Reform) Group for Electoral Reform; said to me yesterday: "Let's pretend". So we pretended that Brighton was a four seat proportional representation constituency and that the people of the Regency watering hole were to be offered the chance of which well known of using which well known MPs they would wish to represent them at Westminster.
As the whole thing was being

run by a Liberal pressure group, fresh from triumph in the assembly over the party's commitment to electoral re-form, the day promised to be an eventful one. Armed with ballot papers which included the names in alphabetical order of Benn, Callaghan, Grimond, Heath, Joseph, Owen, Prentice, Smith, Steel, Thatcher, Thorpe and Whitelaw, we set forth to

invite 766 electors of this Sussex town to cast their pref-erential votes. any comedy script writer, was inevitable. Margaret Thatcher

was elected on the first count with 194 first preference votes. Ted Heath came second with 129, Jim Callaghan third with 124 and David Steel fourth with

It just so happened that when the single transferable vote system had been worked out, Messrs Heath, Callaghan and Steel joined Mrs Thatcher as the four chosen representatives Anxious Liberals with over-worked pocket calculators explained to me that it did not necessarily follow that the four who had got the most votes as first choice would necessarily be elected under the PR sys-

Early birds peck at the pact

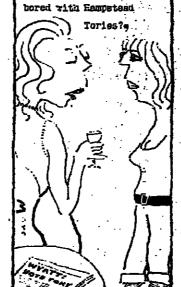
week's Labour Party conference arrived prematurely in Brighton to find their favourite bedrooms and bars occupied by Liberals. A far from cordial entente was established when representatives of Labour's NEC actually protested to the Liberal Assembly's steering committee over the clash of dates.

The problem is, of course.

The room toronal entente was in strained to the clash of actually of events that I m miss Sunday's soo between journalists of course and the House All Star XI.

A crucial and unexpected test that Socialists seem to have so of the Lib-Lab pact came yester much business to get through day when delegates to next (or perhaps they are just verbose?) that they cannot see their annual conference through

in the space of a single week, by the seaside.
The NEC actually holds its first meeting today and the weekend offers a diary so full of events that I may have to miss Sunday's soccer match between journalists covering the



The trained eye

Melissa Denny was understandably astonished, she tells me, when two CID men confronted her as she got off the train at Paddington. Could they look in her two suitcases? Was she carrying a body? Someone had reported seeing a pool of blood as Miss Denny was waiting to catch her train at Banbury The CID men relaxed drama tically when they saw the fish-ing rod under her arm. They melted away into the crowd after she showed them a bay holding a 12lb salmon

May Day distress for Tories

Tory rumblings of discontent end to this dreadful genuflexion over the establishment of a permanent May Day public holiday are reaching a crescendo. I of Epping Forest.

Essex that a busy campaign against the very idea of an annual homage to British labour has been launched. The first such holiday will be next year, you may remember hearing.

It is from this leafy part of

The protest against it may appear unseasonable but it coincides with a motion which the local Epping Forest Conservative Association has pur forward to the Tory Party con-ference calling for an immediate

Too much for Sir Winston A rouching story about Chur-chill's sensitivity to the horrors

of war has emerged at East Grinstead, West Sussex. It is here that the amual dinner is held of that fine organization, the Guinea Phys, which serves those seriously burnt and injured Allied airmen who received pioneer plastic surgery during and after the war at the local Queen Victoria Hospital.

At its recent dinner, Bernard Arch, the group's organizing secretary, spoke of the little known correspondence which passed between Lady Spencer Charchill and Sir Archibeld McIndoe, the surgeon, before

to Moscow.

A perition, aimed at collecting 500,000 signatures, bus been launched by the organizers of the campaign, David Metcalfe, vice chairman of the local association, his wife Valerie, and businessman Gordon Bridgman man. Mr Metcalfe told me : " When

Mr Metcate told the: "When you ask what goes through peoples' minds when they think of May Day, it's ranks going through Red Square, not children playing round the maypole. Labour politicians have said May. Day is of tremendous significance to their party. We don't want the holiday as a political event."

Mr Arch, w former member of the RAF medical branch, recalled how Sir Archibad always wanted Churchill as guest of honous. But Lady Churchill, in the gentlest way, asked that the invitation should

not be pressed "She said she wished to avoid

him the distress of coming face to face with the result of what had been his policies," Mr Arch

A pair of knee-length linen unmentionables, once occupied by Owen Victoria go inder the Banhan hummer at Knightsbridge on October I...

London's sixweek Liszt festival is now well into its strike, but regrettably I have been able to sample jew of its wares. I shall, however, make a special effort to go to the Queen Elizabe Hall on Sunday for the recital (one third Lizzt) by the Cuban. Hall on Sunday for the recital (one third List) by the Cubar pianist forge Bole. I will do so despite an awful put in a New York Times headline that said. " Put Bolet at the top of the List." Another incentive is the fact that Mr Bolet supplied the music that flowed out of Dirk Bolgade's unpractised fingers in that Hollywood travesty of the life of List. Song Without End. I thought Mr Bolet sounded fine on signatural, nam I would like to add a visual dimension to my appreciation of the main.

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Imposing laws on

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US ECONOMY FALTERS

aditionally been thought of as the most-robust economy in the Vestern industrialized world. t is less subject to shocks from e verseas than the more open ading economies of Europe. or apan with its beavy structural ependence on exports. Because at this relative insulation, it is setter able to develop at its wn pace than the other dustrialized economies. Its arrency has, also, historically een more stable than most, artly because of its interna-onal role, which limits the esire and ability of holders of ollars to switch into other urrencies in response to purely merican developments; and artly because when all is said: and done most international ivestors see the American conomy as sound, and merican business one of the conomy `

est in which to have a stake. This confidence seemed fully ustified in the first six months f this year. Despite the ontinued sluggish growth in he rest of the world the United tates expanded vigorously. The are in the first three months. ndeed, was considerably faster han had been expected and the ace was almost maintained in the second three months of the ear. However a space of gloomy ndicators over the summer has ed many economists at home und abroad to doubt whether the inited States can continue to nove ahead at this pace and pull he rest of the world with it.

There is little doubt that the rowth rate of 6 to 7 per cent experienced in the first half of ... his year will not be matched in he coming months. The com-» posite index of leading indicaors, which caused such concern when provisional figures showed a decline for three months in a Drow, was subsequently estimated o have risen in July and August, after only two months in decline. its continuing implication, however, is still a significant slowing Government cannot decide to

United States has down of economic activity. This stimulate the economy, if it is certainly the case with house building, which was very strong in the early part of the year. Equally, the weakness of retail sales, which fell even in money terms between March and July, will undermine general business confidence. A slowdown in general consumer demand is widely expected, as personal incomes are now growing less quickly than earlier in the year and unemployment resolutely remains around the 7 per cent

mark, As, however, the economy was expanding much faster than its underlying potential capacity, some slow down now may in any case have been necessary. More worrying, perhaps, is the fact that inflationary patterns are still firmly established, the domestic money supply shows signs of expanding far too fast. the trade and current account deficits have grown alarmingly and are expected to widen further, with the consequent danger to stability of the dollar which is now being taken as a serious threat by the inter-

national banking community.

The drastic changes in the underlying economic framework implied by President Carter's proposals on energy and tax reform increase this feeling of uncertainty and have been blamed by some American businessmen for a lack of business confidence, which has held back productive investment, and for the depressed state of the American stock

market. Yesterday's statement by the Treasury Secretary, Mr Michael Blumenthal, that there was little chance of a reduction in the trade deficit next year, led immediately to a weakening of the dollar in foreign exchange markets. This is proof that the dollar is no longer immune to the economic situation, and a warning that the American

shows continued signs of flagging, without mard to international developments. Its room for action is also limited by the determination of the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Dr Arthur Lurns, to keep to the set nonetary targets, even if this entails a tightening of credit and rising interest rates.

economy has, however, in the past been overdone. I may be so again. The key to a possibly brighter future will be the willingness or otherwise of the business community tolinvest in new plant and machinery, for it has been the failure of this component of total demand to perform as might hive been expected from previouseconomic cycles that explains the faltering of this recovery. So far the advance orders for carital goods are distinctly encouraging. The tax changes may produce some benefit for a range of usinesses and the fall in the value of the dollar may provide some welcome stimulus to American exports.

As in the rest of the industrialized world the shock of the last recession has severely damaged the confidence of business and consumers on which growth ultimately depends. The good performance of the American economy early this year showed that the damage was severe, though not fatal. America will continue to help the recovery of the rest of the world by running a large payments deficit next fear. The unfortunate thing is that this deficit will be the counterpart of the surpluses in the OPEC countries and Japan, and will do little to reduce the deficits elsewhere. Further the pressure which it puts on the opliar is a strain for the world financial system, which it will not be easy to contain.

AUTONOMY FOR CATALONIA

The restoration of the Generalitat de Catalunya, thirty-eight vears after its suppression by General Franco's forces is an event to be greeted with some emotion by the Catalan people's many friends and admirers in his country, whether readers of ____leorge Orwell or not.

Most often rendered into English as "autonomous governnent", the word Generalitat in act embraces more than that. is a shorter name for the Divutació del General de aralunya—a kind of permanent watchdog committee set up by the Corts, or Catalan parliament : - the word came to mean all the suronomous institutions of Cata-- onia taken as a whole, the institutional expression, as it were, of Catalonia's corporate and separate existence. Perhaps the nearest English translation would be "the commonwealth". Under the Statute of 1932 the Generalitat comprised four instilutions: a parliament, elected directly by the people with extensive legislative powers; a president, elected by the parliament; a Consell, or government, whose members were chosen and dismissed by the president as well as being, like him, responsible to parliament; and a Supreme Court of Justice, whose

> executive. Despite their many and deep political divisions during the 1930s, it would be fair to say that this statute was cherished by almost all Catalans, and even more so after its abolition and their enforced incorporation into Franco's state, in which Castilian Spanish was the only official language and for long even the most harmless expres-

secondary reorganization has been

a battle ground between the parties.

One hoped that the Great Debate

Direct grant schools

High School for Boys

sion of the Catalan personality was brutally repressed. When after Franco's death it at last became possible to demonstrate in the streets of Barcelona, the cry of "Volem l'Estatut" want the statute) was raised unanimously by all the Catalan parties.

leaders, however, that a straightforward reenactment of the 1932 Statute would be difficult if not impossible to obtain, since the Spanish Government was obliged istant anxi over its shoulder at the reaction of the Spanish army, itself strongly devoted to preserving the unity of Spain and disposed to interpret unity as implying perfect homogeneity. The demand for the statute was essentially rhetorical emotive, and in private it was generally acknowledged that in fact a new statute would have to be negotiated with the new democratically elected Spanish parliament to suit a new set of circumstances.

seemed during the election camearly 1950s and had lived in exile ever since 1939. It seemed not logically entail the abdication of King Juan Carlos himself, and the recognition of the Republican government-in-exile as the legal government of

Spain? Accordingly the name

of President Tarradella was put forward most vigorously by those who sought a confrontation with Madrid, and with rather less con-viction by those who looked forward to a realistic negotiation. The situation was chinged by

the election result, which in Catalonia-in sharp contrast with the rest of Spain-gave a majority to the left-wing parties. Serting logic aside, the Spanish prime minister—who is a very astute politician—decided to seek agreement with Senyor Tarradellas in the first instance, in order to cut some of the ground from under the feet of the Catalan deputies, and especially of the largest group among them, the Socialists, who were likely to be the most truculent in their demands for autonomy. Earlier this month the tactic nearly backfired, when the Catalan Socialist leader, Senyor Reventos, threatened to veto any project which did not hamediately recognize a Catalan parliament as well as the president and his Counsell. But having by then secured the support of President Tarradellas, Señor Suarez was able to embacc on a second round of negotiations in which the Catalan political parties were included, and which has now ended in an agreement ensuring rheir representation

within the Consell. This has enabled the Generalitat to be restored in provisional form, with President Tarfadellas ar its head, pending the frafting of a new Spanish constitution in which the Catalan deputes will certainly play a full part. The return of Senyor Tarracellas to Barcelona as president within the next few days, should be one of the more memorable public occasions in recent E ropean.

Parents on school boards

From Mrs G. Eisner Sir, Where is the evidence that parents want more say in the running of schools?

Derbyshire has operated a system of electing parents to governing and management boards of management schools for two years. The experience does not bear out the contention that purents are eager either to stand for election or to ecercise their right to vote.

At an election held last neek to fill vacancies for two parent governors—the second held since the constitution providing for such elections was introduced—35 parents turned up to vote. The school has 1.013 girls on its roll. The jurnout to choose parent managers for primary schools in elections held so far was six and seven. Yours faithfully,

G. EISNER. 69 Macclesfield Road. Buxton. Derbyshire.

Civil Service pay

7 Sandy Lane,

Petersham, Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr I. B. Simpson Sir. Mr Kendall's delighted suggestion (September 23) that civil servents do not receive increments in pay, they just have decements removed, is reminiscent of a Swiss advertisement which some ago stated that in Switzerland hotel prices are not raised in sumper and are even lower in winter. Yours faithfully, I. B. SIMPSON,

jur Epping Forest (Conservative) Sir. In support of the Headmaster of St Columb's College (September 28) may I say that the Conservative Opposition, deploring the Government's political immobility in North-

ern Ireland, which is encouraging extremism, have repeatedly urged that direct rule be made more human and less undemocratic. While, however, direct rule con-tinues and British policy is to bring in a develved system of govern-ment, it is inexcusable for Ministers to impose by Order in Council such measures as the compulsory wearing of seat belts. Whatever the merits and the different opinions on this question, which cut across political and religious barriers, the Great

Britain legislation thereon has so for been rejected by Parliament. Furthermore, it is properly a matter for a devolved government and legislature. So is the educational unheaval on which Monsignor Coulter writes so wisely, and the proposed and controversial changes in the law of divorce and of homosexuality. The man in Whitehall or even in

Stormont Castle does not always know what is best for the people of Northern Ireland.
Yours faithfully, JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, House of Commons.

Jrish attitudes

September 28.

From Lord Kilbracken Sir. Although Bernard Levin's fucctious attitude (September 23) to the tragedy of Northern Ireland is deplorable, he may perhaps be forgiven for accepting uncritically, and without checking their source, the conclusions offered in Oxford recently on Irish desires for requifi-

cation by so eminent a politician as Conor Cruise O'Brien. Had he examined them, he would have found that Senator O'Brien had no justification, certainly not "a very considerable body of research evidence", for concluding that
"most people in Ireland were not
interested in uniting North and
South". His assumptions for
Northern Ireland were based on pure guesswork. As for the Republic, his figures were stated to be derived solely from the recent monumental work, Prejudice and Tolerance in Ircland, by Fr Micheal

MacGréil.
This mine of information on Irish attitudes to an enormous range of subjects is little concerned with the Northern question and in fact only two of the dozons of questions put to respondents have any real bearing on reunification. The first asked 'national unity" was thought to "an essential condition for the pe an essential condition for the just solution of the present Northern problem. To this the replies were: Yes 57.5%, No 36.4%, Don't know 6.2%. It should be noted that a much higher percentage must certainly hope for eventual unity though nor holding it essential right away for the purpose specified.

The only other relevant mestion

The only other relevant question sked if respondents held certain canvassed solutions to be (a) desirable, (b) acceptable, or (c) undesirable. The proposal found desirable by overwhelmingly the greatest number (64%) was "a 32-county Republic with one central government". To a further 14% this would be acceptable, leaving only 22% who found it undesirable. If such a bigh percentage desired immediate high percentage desire immediate reunification, it may be inferred with certainty that an even greater number (including, for iustance, myself) hope for it at some more

distant date. The questions were put to a sample of 2,311 Dubliners, all of whom were over 21 in 1972/73, so that the beliefs of everyone living noutside the capital, besides everyone now aged under 25, are totally excluded. When it is remembered that more Protestants are concen-trated in Dublin than anywhere else in the Republic, and that the young probably tend to be above the national average in their support for reunification, it becomes even harder to understand how Senator O'Brien's conclusions were reached or credence attached to them. Yours faithfully,

JOHN KILBRACKEN. Killegar, Co Leitrim.

Hived off

From Mr R. M. Duggan Sir. At this time of year the 35,000 British bee keepers have gathered in the harvests and are now storing their precious combs for protection from the ravages of pests such as mice and wax moth.

For years I have stacked my British standard combs in their boxes of ten, one above another but each separated by a single folded sheet of The Times which comfortably covered each box with a margin to spare.

To my horror I found that the folded sheet of your newspaper folded sheet of your newspaper dated Thursday, September 22, 1977, no longer covers the width. You have reduced your sheet widths 1 1/16" sometime since September

On Friday I bought The Daily Telegraph only to find to my great dismay that their width has suffered even greater deprivation, for it has lost 11" since spring cleaning my stored combs on April 13, 1977.

Bent on finding an answer such as the Common Market, metrica-tion, or a Socialist Government, I started measuring and found the length of each newspaper has not changed. The Times is still 23;" or 60 cm, but The Daily Telegraph is an irrational 79 by 61 cm. The latter dimension happens to be

I considered whether last year's high potato price or the Cod War so affected the fish and chip price that the area of a sheet could be reduced, but finally concluded that newspapers are really hiding from the public an increase in cost of each precious square centimetre, and that the price of honey will inevitably rise. Yours faithfully,

R. M. DUGGAN, Redstone Wood Cottage, Philanthropic Lane, Redhill, Surrey. September 26.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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have the wit to overcome these obstacles. Why? And why is this

feature peculiar to Britain? A simplified answer could be that

British workers particularly resent being told how to do their job by

other people whose objectives

appear to be at variance with those

example, why should skilled crafts-

men adapt the organization of their work on the factory floor when the benefits accruing from that re-organization will go not to them but

to the asset-strippers and munage-ment consultants in some distant

In case you had not noticed, the

so-called "class" conflict has shifted away from workers v

capitalists (through such financial devices as pension schemes and life

assurance the workers themselves

are now the majority shareholders

in British industry), to workers v managers and, until the managers come down from their self-appointed

positions of high command recog-

nizing in the process that it is in their own interest to work with the

workers, they will remain unable to motivate their fellow workers. Management is a valuable skill, and

one which most workers are pre-pared to recognize as such, but,

until it is seen to be operating in the common interest of all con-

cerned. British workers will continue

to reject management initiatives

that offer no immediate or tangible

reward to themselves and which actually appear harmful to their own interests. Why should they do

It is the present structural organi-

zation of management itself that is

so alien to the British way of working and, until it is adapted to

meet the characteristics of the working people of this country, British industry will remain weak

and uncompetitive. Meanwhile the unions will continue to portray

themselves as the workers' repre-sentatives in the on-going "class"

conflict, acquiring as much support,

and therefore power, as the man

agers' representatives care to allow them—by default.

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article

(September 28) prompted me to refer to Henry Pelling's paper-back A History of British Trade Union-

ism. I quote from page 125: "The Times . . . published a series of articles in 1902 on 'The Crisis of

British Industry', in which it was argued that trade unionism and the

restrictive practices it encouraged

were responsible for the weakened

competitive position of British In-

dustry commared with American

Yours faithfully,

Havelock Road.

September 28.

and German."

Yours sincerely.

Willow House,

September 28.

Bath.

Plus ca change....

PETER LLOYD WILLIAMS,

Croydon,

Surrey.

R. HOLDEN,

From Mr P. Lloyd-Williams

office?

the workers themselves. For

Productivity of British industry in general, management does not

From Mr Oliver Stutchbury Sir, In terms of the received wisdom, Mr Rees-Mogg's argument (in "One Dutch man hour=two British man hours", September 28) is so overwhelming that one wonders why these idioric British workers do not imported their workers do not improve their productivity.

The answer is to be found in the

idiotic system which the received wisdom has produced. A system in which over a million people (a growing number of whom are young) live in unsought idleness, the rest work for rewards which decrease spectacularly the harder they work. A system in which one growing arm of a hideously expensive bureaucracy (the supplementary benefits commission) is doling out public money which many of the exponents of the received wisdom think that another growing arm of the bureaucracy (the Inland Revenue) should take

away again.
"All we have to do to double our standard of living", writes Mr Rees-Mogg, "is to become as efficient as the Dutch". If doubling their standard of living means getting twice the system they've got now, the workers want none of it. They have unconventional wisdom enough to see that there is not nearly enough paid work to be done in this automated age. Until the received wisdom starts to address its mind to how to share out more sensibly what work has to be done, no one will (quite rightly) pay it any attention.

Yours faithfully. OLIVER STUTCHBURY, Individual House, 45 South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex September 28.

From Mr J. R. V. Coutts Sir, It seemed to me that there is a strong case for a sequel to Mr Rees Moga's excellent article.

His article made it quite clear that as a result of overmanning we are in danger of pricing ourselves out of world markets, thereby effectively reducing our standard of living. However, this exceptionally clear analysis itself raises the question as to why the work force in this country is less willing to accept, as compared with, say, the work force in Holland, the necessary changes in mamning levels that result from the introduction of new machinery. To put it another way, why is the management in this country less successful than our international competitors at changing the attitudes of workers to modernization schemes?

Yours faithfully, J. R. V. COUTTS. The Court Lodge, Chelsfield,

A service economy

From Lord Kaldor, FBA

Kent. September 29.

From Mr J. R. Holden Sir, I am amazed that such a weil informed article as yours (Septem-ber 28) can still be contrived so as to miss the point.
British productivity is low because

the defensive (otherwise known as restrictive) practices of workers and,

Sir, Mr E. C. Wood (September 21) seems to be living in a statistical dream world when he says that

our invisible exports exceed

exports of manufactured goods". According to the official CSO

figures our gross credits from ser-

vices of all kinds (sea transport, civil aviation, travel, financial ser-

vices and all other services) amounted to £9,206m in 1976. Our gross debits were £6,608m, leaving a surplus of £2,558m.

In the same year our manufac-

tured exports amounted to £21,338m.

Our imports of manufactures, on a comparable fob basis, amounted to

£15.550m, leaving a surplus of £5,788m, or more than twice as much as the surplus on "invisibles".

Thus, despite our disastrous indus-

trial record, our manufactures are

still far more important than ser-

vices not only in the provision of

employment, but in paying for our indispensable imports.

thusiasts (including, I regret to sav, my distinguished ex-pupil, David

Howell), who believe that the future of Britain lies in becoming a Greet

Unfortunately

Service Economy. Unfortunated they never explain what they mean,

Do they mean tourism? I doubt whether Britain's destiny lies in

hecoming the Venice of the twenty-first century, or whether our national talents are best deployed

as cooks, waiters or hotel atten-dants. But for the moment all hotels, resourants and pubs employ

only 650,000 altogether, and the greater part of them serve natives,

There is a growing band of en-

In sea and air transport our purchases of services from foreigners are nearly as great as our foreign earnings. This leaves the City—the merchant bankers, brokers, insurance men, etc-where it is said that we lead the world. It is true that the City is our fastest growing economic sector. Its earnings are estimated to have increased more than five-fold and the volume of employment in banking and finencial services has doubled during the past ten years. But even so, the gross earnings in 1976 were only £1,086m, and the total employment in all insurance banking, financial and other business services

amounted only to just over one

million. True, we employ a great many people in wholesale and retail distribution (neary three million), but it is goods, not services, which they distribute. More important still we employ enother five mil-lion or so as teachers, doctors, nurses, accomments, artists, solicitors and civil servants of the central and local government. The great majority of these are (directly or indirectly) paid out of raxation. So where is the base of prosperity which would enable us to dispense with factories and other nasty work places full of restrictive practices, and spend our lives pleasantly in writing painting singing or arranging mergers and Eurodollar loans in the City?

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS KALDOR, King's College, Cambridge. September 21.

Future of nuclear power From Mr Paul Sieghart

not foreign tourists.

Sir, Mr F. J. Chapple and Mr John Lyons (September 27) are right to be concerned about our future energy supplies. Not only the jobs of their union members, but the quality of life of all of us, will become increasingly dependent, dur-ing the rest of this century and beyoud, on supplies of the right kinds of energy in the right places at the right times. It is therefore good to find their voice added to the current debate.

But it would be better still if they could address themselves to the right issue. I cannot answer for Mr Benn, but the letters which I have written to you on behalf of Justice have never suggested that we shall not need some nuclear power (exactly how much, no one seems to know) to bridge the prospective energy gap. Our worries are confined to one out of several possible nuclear fuel cycles: the one that depends on the production and distribution of plutonium in commercial quantities. The Flowers Commission—a body at least as in-dependent and knowledgeable as two distinguished men wose etters Mr Chapple Mr Lyons quote—has expressed grave disquiet about

the long term social consequences of a "plutonium economy", not least on civil liberties. Other reports of comparable authority and independence in other countries have, independently, sounded similar warnings. Justice can do no more that repeat, and from its specitl knowledge and concern with human rights and the rule of law elaborate and amplify, that particular area of disquiet.

To provide the leadership for the Electricity Supply Industry Employees' National Committee is a difficult and responsible job. I am sure that we can be confident that Mr Chaople and Mr Lyons will discharge it well, and will bear in mind not only the job security of their living members, but also the kind of society in which their children and grandchildren may one day find themselves living. Without any nuclear power, it might well be Without cold and nasty. But with a fully developed plutonium fuel cycle, it might be horrid in a different way. We simply cannot afford to get this particular decision wrong.

Yours, etc. PAUL SIEGHART, Joint Chairman of Executive Committee, ... Justice, 2 Clement's Inc.

Radical thought in universities

From Dr A. H. Halsey, and others Sir, Professor Gould's pamphlet for a body, the Institute for the Study of Conflict, well known for its links with the political right and the intelligence services, purports to reveal "Marxist and Radical penetration" within British education. You observe (Leader, September 21) that the evidence produced by Professor Gould fails to support his alarmist tone, and the weakness of his recommendation that vigilance is needed to challenge Marxist errors. In our view his use of evidence and call for vigilance require further comment.

His technique is to gather quata-tions from various Marxist and Radical writings and to list various left wing individuals and groups among ectdemics, teachers and social workers, with the aim of showing them all to be part of a Grand Consciracy to subvert liberal and pluralist values. It is suggested that all who accept or are influenced by any aspect of Marrist thought, or any other ideas conduthought, or any other ideas conductive to such acceptance, are part of the network—above all if they to to put any such ideas into practice, "Radical" appears to describe anyone Professor Gould might regard as receptive to any Marrier idea. Inquendoes abound. Radicals are held to advocate "irreversible change", to impose "colored disormamone", to be either Communists or fellow travellers, manipulated and manipulating. Their order niestions are "Front organizations". Any proclaimed adherence to Fiber I values or democratic principles is

values or democratic principles is purely tactical. Assuments easing one thing are "coded" and mem another. There is nothing another on the left can do to escape Professor Gou'd's net.

He states that the overvedirered ideas he distinct descens a serious rebuttal." but nowhere over attemnts this, instead, he more visitallence upon directors of educational. lance upon directors of educational institutions, administrators and others in a position to act intoler. anth towards arrone who might be seen as a "redicel". The only effect of this miserable document can be to poison the educational armosphere, facilitating the intring of the original and the might be original. design of the critical and the in-ortholox. Redicals in general are claimed to be intolerant and re-pressive. The only effect of such will by association is itself to en-

courage intolerance and repression. We agree with John Milton, who wrote Areometrica to establish the point that "if it come to probibiting, there is not anoth more likely to be prohibited then truth itself; hose first appearance to our eves bleared and dimmed with need-dice and custom is more unsight's than many errors. Publication of what we believe to be error is in fact a service in truth. Milion argued; truth will prevail in free and rational discussion—though be was careful to distinguish such discussion from the smears and in-nuendoes indulged in by the Prosbyterians of his day, as by McCarthyites and Professor Could since. Bur then Milton was a dangerous radical in the even the orthodox: if they had had chance, they would have made ! :

point by putting him on their black A. H. HALSEY Director, Department of Social and Administrative Studies, Oxford University,

R. H. HILTON. Professor of Medieval Social History, Eirmingham University, CHRISTOPHER HILL, Master of Balliol College, Oxford University,

DOROTHY HODGKIN,
Professor of Chemical Crystallog-raphy, Oxford University, STEVEN LUKES, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford

CHARLES TAYLOR, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory, Oxford University, RAYMOND WILLIAMS, Professor of Drama, Cambridge

University, Balliol College, September 27.

Oil at Windsor

From the Director of the Institute of Geological Sciences

Sir, While not wishing to question the expertise of Mr Beunison (your article of September 21 refers) I feel that there may be factors that may have escaped him in his assessment of the oil potential of the Windsor Dome. True, the Lower Greensand formation lies beneath the Castle and the Chalk at a depth of about 1,000ft and is folded into the sort of structure so sought after by the oil industry. However, lest the Royal House-hold be alarmed, the Department of Energy excited, and Mr Whalley (letter of September 26) mortgages his garden in anticipation, it is only proper to point out that the Greensand of the Windsor area has indeed been geologically explored and exploited, not for oil, but for that other increasingly precious fluid, water, of which several millions of gallons per day are or have been pumped from wells within three miles of the Castle, c'l without so much as a whiff of hydrocarbons. This information would certainly have been given to Mr Bennison had he made the appropriate inquiries when he visited the Geological Museum.

Yours fairhfully, AUSTIN W. WOODLAND, Institute of Geological Sciences, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, SW7. September 28.

Profitable lessons

From the Reverend J. M. L. L. Bogle

Sir, We are hearing a good deal now about the creation of wealth-most recently from the Headmaster of Westminster School—as one of the aims of education. Is this activity, or is it not, to be sharply distinguished from making money? Yours faithfully,

JAMES M. L. L. BOGLE, The Vicarage, 8 Hengrave Road, SE23. September 23.

. . . members were chosen by parliament and independent of the

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The sufferers have frequently been pupils and their parents and the conflict has contributed to the low morale of the teaching profession. might berald an end to doctrinal conflict and the beginning of con-centration on problems neglected during the upheaval of reorganization. Of course there are and ought to be different emphases between

the Labour and Conservative parties, but polarisation, with each party undoing the work of its predecessor, as at Tameside, is entirely destructive. The abolition of the direct grant system by the present Government was regretted by many. Its signifi-cance was largely symbolic and in

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some places it reduced educational opportunities for the ablest, but like the abolition in 1948 of university seats in Parliament, once done it cannot reasonably be reversed. It is hard to believe that even the former direct grant schools them-Selves wish to be plunged into a further period of uncertainty with the Conservative government restoring the grant and a future Labour government as certainly abolishing it again. Is it in any case really defensible in the 1980s to create free or assisted grammar school

places for some 5 to 10 per cent of the population and offer large subsidies to what are in reality inde-pendent schools? We may want centres of academic excellence but From the Headmaster of Chichester Sir, The report that a furure Conservative government would give priority to the revival and enlarge ment of the direct grant system in secondary education (The Times, Seprember 23) will be greeted by many people with considerable dis-appointment. For the last 12 years

what we end up with are inevitably socially selective schools. How many erstwhile grammar schools will have to be recreated and comprehensive schools con-sequently yet again reorganized, to provide a geographical spread throughout the country, when a major parental concern is already and comprehensive schools conthe cost of travel to schools even 10 miles away from home? Has the Conservative Party consulted its potential voters? My impression in this predominantly Conservative area of the country is that there is no demand for such a policy. The main concern of parents with able children is not the lack of schools specifically providing highly academic education, but that the comprehensive schools shall cater, as they were intended to do,

for pupils of the highest ability as well as for those of average and below average ability. The Headmasters' Conference was lukewarm in its reception of Mr St John Stevas' schemes. One hopes the Conservative Party will take this as an indication that even its beneficiaries may not be enthusiastic about the restoration and extension of the direct grant system and that to many people it will appear to be a costly distraction from the task of ensuring that the comprehensive system is given the resources to meet the needs of all pupils.
Yours faithfully.

P. R. WATKINS, Headmaster, Chichester High School for Boys, Kingsham Road Chichester, Sussex.

It was clear to most of their

Even more rhetorical, as it paign last May and June, was the call for "the restoration of the Generalizat and the return of its President". The President in question, Senyor Josep Tarra-dellas, had been elected in exile by a rump parliament in the inconceivable that the Spanish government could simply put the clock back to 1939 and recognize the legitimacy of a Catalan government-in-exile. Would that

Pessimism about the American

Tales of two'French' cities

QUEBEC Most newcomers to Montreal are shocked by their first impressions. English-speakers from other parts of Canada, for example, having listened for so long to the complaints of their French-speaking fellow citizens about the English language oppressors, are shaken at finding French so prominent in the city.

Foreigners, too, even if they have heard the claim that Montreal is the world's second largest French-speaking city, are often surprised by the preeminence of the language. The image of North America abroad seems to one of a monolithic English-speaking monolithic English-speaking block with a few insignificant of tenacious Italians, groups of tenscious Ukrainians, Poles,

much like the Welsh and the That perception holds for most minority groups in North

America but it is quickly dis-pelled when French-Canadians arrive in Montreal. Everyone you encounter from the man studying your passport or the boy filling your car with petrol, will be a French-speaker. The newsstands sell four vigorous French-language dailies and a plethora of weeklies and magazines.

Radio programmes mainly in French and the two national television networks, one publicly owned and one commercially sponsored, broadcast seven days a week exclusi-yely in French. It is said that more original television programming in French is pro-duced in Montreal than in

Labour MP Mr Eric Moonman was struck by some of these things on a recent visit to Montreal. In an article in The Times recently he seemed perplexed as to why the Queperplexed as to way the Ouebec Government would want to
pass a law to ensure the
supremacy of French when
"with 80 per cent of the population French-speaking, the
economic life of Montreal is aiready French.

Canadians, Many English many canadians, noth English and French-speaking, share Mr Moonman's bewilderment, especially those who remember what Montreal was years ago. Then speakers dominated Ukrainians, Poles, Germans, the city and the French lan-Greeks and French-Canadians guage and culture were mori-maintaining folkloric cultures bund. the city and the French lan-

Draconian measures to proect French and limit spread of English in schools and businesses would have made sense then but none were

nade sense then but how were taken. Today, they are not needed and yet they attract wide popular support.

Many French-Canadians, it seems, still believe their languages and calling are those guage and culture are threat-ened, although this is now absurd. The civilization of five million. French-Canadians in Quebec could no more easily be wiped out than, say, the civilization of five million

What is unusual in the Quebec case, however, is that approximately one English-speaking aliens live in the French-Canadians' home-land, most of them concen-trated in the Montreal area. And even though they are in-creasingly docile, the numbers are so large that they inevitahly have an effect on French-Canadian behaviour. I caught a glimpse of this a

few years ago while living in Quebec City. Its unique old world charm apart. Quebec City is a typical provincial town—like York or Bristol or Versiels with the cole diftown—like York or Bristol or Norwich—with the sole difference that it is totally French-speaking. In a population approaching half a million, fewer than 20,000 are native English-speakers and all of them speak French. You could no more function in could no more function in English in Quebet City than you could function in French in York.

As in all provincial towns, its people live constantly in

the shadow of the capital And for French Capadians the

capital is Monareal.

It is difficult to get through a day in Quebet City without meeting someone who has just come from Montreal or is about to go there or whose life is being influenced by someone in Montreal. Montreal is the centre of the French-Canadian universe just as London is the centre of the British universe.

And ver in the Preach Cana-dian who approaches Montreal for the birst sine, almost as an Arab approaches Mecca, the shock and distilusion could not be more complete. The city appears, in his imbelieving eyes, English.

Of course his first impres

sion is wrong. But just as Mr sion is wrong, but just as Mr
Eric Moonman and other
visitors are required by the
French-uess of Moonreal, so
the French-Canadian is
shocked by its English-ness.
Neither is seeing the cityaccurately. Their attention
focuses on what they are unaccustomed to seeing and hearcustomed to seeing and hearing. And the French-Canadian sees only buildings with Sun Life of Canada and Hudson's Bay Co. on them; hears only English radio stations and sees only English newspapers on

The effect is spiritually devastating. Montreal, his capital of his "patrie", centre of his culture, turns out to be a place that compromises its identity in thousands of ways with an alien culture.

My wife and I made this

the news stands.

discovery for ourselves on a resentment and thus defused weekend trip to Montreal. We social tensions.

had been living in Quebec City i for about a year and were suf-ficiently immersed in the comexcited about heading

for the big capital.

But how shocked he were by
the seeming prevalence of
English in Montreal Worse,
the small encounters of very day life were tense and psy

chologically fatiguing.

It was a horrible weeken and we could not take to go back to the warmth and could fort of Quebec City That was five years ago.

the time I concluded that the Quebec problem was not rea a Quebec problem. It was Montreal problem. And would have trouble in Canada until the Montreal proble still true but I believe confi detable progress is

The interaction of social and economic historical currents is striking The gradual and raural movement of Canadas national economic centre from Montreal to Toronto since the Second World War ras caused high levels of unemployment in Quebec which in turn fuelled French Caradian nationalist and

The unsettled social climate has accelerated the novement of English-speakers and the head offices they domin, ad in Toronto. While exacerbating the Economic situation, the has also removed many of the objects of French-Canadian resegration and thus defined

(below) A few more hours of sunshine...

wines. White, rosé and

But the real spirit

charming grower who

his cap off to be photo-

graphed, even though he was completely

And who are we, or you, to argue?

He said "My wine is not art to be kept."

In other words, get on and drink it, and

even a few red.

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summed up by a

insisted on taking

Like any transmion than brings with it a contraction in econd

mic activity, the change has not been easy Many people have suffered Unemployment has hovered at the intolerable 8-10 per cent level for several years, Many English speakers with roots in the province extending back more than 200 years have been jostled unfairly by the new dispensation. Stresses on the and terrorism has erupted

But as in the case of Britain, which has also had to live through an economic contraction, what is remarkable is the extent to which civility has

extent to which civility has been preserved.

The bitter complaints coming out of Quebec these days about English-language education being withdrawn are grossly distorted. What is being withdrawn is government funding for providing English language education to immigrants. Immigrants are still free to bave their children educated privately in English. And the Government will still pay for the children of English-speaking natives to be educated in English. French-speaking natives enjoy no similar generosity in any other in any other

Tan Rodger

Where they don't 'sing' without torture



Torture is such a distasteful subject that there is always a remptariou to dismiss it, or pretend that it does not exist. Yet it is in fact very much a part of the modern world, and this was brought home by the case of Dr Sheila Cassidy, who was arrested and tortured by the Chilean intelligence service

in 1975.

Dr Cassidy has now written a book about her experiences in Chile, Audacity to Believe, published by Collins this week. She came to London from Ampleforth, where she is preparing to become a nun, to launch it, and discussed the whole episode in an interview. The point about torture was that it was a very efficient means of interrogation, she said.

Few people were able to stand up to it for long, and this meant that interrogators, whether in Chile or elsewhere, were able to get information about people's friends and contacts that they would not have got in any other way. She quoted General Pinochet,

the head of the Chilean junta, as saying of the left wing terrorists in Chile: "Without torture, they don't sing "It's true", she said. "People don't talk unless they are tortured. But most of them do tell the truth once it starts."

In her case, she had begun by trying to lie to the interrogators in order to protect her friends. She had been strapped to the payilla, a structure like a bed-frame.

But it was not long before Englishwoman and a doctor, they realized that they had had undergone all this made taken back to the parrilla and believe it. People can touck given much more brutal treatmy pain "she says. ment with the shocks coming faster and faster. "You can't think when the current is on You're convulsing", she says. So ske broke and gave the information the interrogators were after something that made her feel deeply ashamed afterwards

She wonders now how much longer she would have been able to hold out if it had been a matter of protecting the life of someone to whom she was very close. In Santiago, it was a marter of priests and nuns; and she had a sense that they were protected by their posi-tion, which made her feel easier in her mind.

Dr Cassidy seems a most un-

likely person to have gone through all this. A direct, outnoing and unassuming person, she freely admits that she has no interest in politics, "I've never voted", she told me. "I.

wouldn't know how to vote the United Kingdom. I don often read papers, just leaf through for news of Chile. Fin interested in people, and in justice, but not in politics.

In her book, she gives a very personal account of her life in

Chile first under the Allende regime and then under the military junta. She writes with a nice touch of humour about her own rather ignorant approach to the tense Chilean situation, but she pulls un punches in describing what she

went through. She had gone to Chile in 1971 to get away from the "rat-race" of a doctor's life in Britain. While she was there she worked? in several different hospitals. and was appalled by the conpoor had to live. She became

poor had to live She became a strong supporter of the Allende Government because of its aim of redistributing wealth. Her troubles began in October, 1975, two years after the military coup, when she was asked by a priest friend to t eat Senor Nelson Gutterrez, one of the leaders of the Recognitionary. Leftist Movement intionary: Leftist Movement (MIR), who had been shot in the leg in a gun-light with the security forces. She agreed knowing very well what she was doing but taking the view that it was the business of a doctor. to treat a wounded man, not to judge him. It was this that led

to her errest, torture. strapped to the parilla, a Now that it is all over. Describe like a bed-frame. Cassidy sees berself as having almost as a matter of routine a mission. I feel that I amany after her arross and electric shocks. She gave false the camps" she said. "n information, and the interrogative of the voiceless." She but it was not lone the thought the fact that she, and

> She now feels a specia mitment to Chile, and to America in general, which she says she got to love while she was there. In fact, she plans to give a large part of the royalries from her book to a new Latte American centre that will open in Hoxton Square in Long next month. Is aim will be to provide a place for refugees a go to, as well as giving intor-mation about Latin America to

British people:
Meanwhile Dr Cassidy will remain at Ampleforth for an other year. She feels sure she had a call to the service of God while she was in Chile, somes time before her arrest. But she is still not sure what form it should take. "I'm not voung, and I've been around", she saws. "I don't see myself in a

Peter Strafford

ll packs are bought of large ones. That

In the Loire the sense of humour is like the wine, mainly dry or medium dry.



My wine is not art to be kept."

The Loire Valley has been called the

However, within this historic region,

'happy, smiling part of France'. During our

stay this overall appraisal was confirmed

which is famous for its great Châteaux,

there are noticeable differences in both

produces a light, dry, almost salty white

However in Anjou the wines are

generally slightly sweeter and mainly rosé,

"Light, carefree and refreshing."

wine, perfect with seafood. Here the

In Muscadet, the Atlantic climate

again and again.

the people and the wine.

humour is medium dry.

with some white; but the wit Very old vines, probably 40-50 years old. is definitely dry.

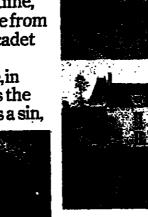
Nevertheless, Loire wines have a very distinct family likeness.

They are not at all pretentious, but made to be drunk young, while they are at their most refreshing. The nicest description given to us was "cascadeur", which literally means like a waterfall'; in other words, light, carefree and

refreshing.
In both Muscadet and Aniou there is an air of reverence at the door of every cellar. It's a bit like going into a church. Especially as some of the cellars even have stained glass windows. Inside, the beams and barrels are often decoratively carved and the walls covered with plaques and inscriptions. Although these

are not always so reverent. In one cellar we were greeted with the wine grower's prayer: Oh God, give me life for a long time, work not too often, love from time to time, but Muscadet for ever.

Not to be outdone, in Aniou we came across the legend: If drinking was a sin,



The Loire is famous for its magnificent houses and grand cháteaux.



"Enter those who wish, leave those who can"

God wouldn't have made Anjou wine so good. But perhaps our favourite story from the Loire came as we sipped wine in the cellar of a small grower called Monsieur Guillet.

In response to the question, "Do you think your wine has any real healthgiving properties?" he shrugged his shoulders in the way only a Frenchman

can, and pointed to an inscription on the wall: You see more old drunkards than old doctors, it said.

After just three days in the Loire we held many memories and had tasted many delicious



On every bottle of Loire vine you will see the words 'Appellation Contrôle'; which is France's highest designation of fine wines.

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Contrôlée wine, please write to Food from France, 14 Berkeley Street, London WIX 5AD.

Paying more for less

Everyone knows instinctively that a half-pound jar, tin or nacket of food almost always costs more than half of the price of the pound size. It is accepted as a fact of life and is seldom questioned. After all, it costs as much to stick a label on a small tin as on a large one. Yet while the principle of unequal differentials may be

unequal differentials may be different rates of differential are often not. In other words, it may be hard enough to work out whether Brand X offers, better value than Brand Y, but it becomes much worse when the problem is to decide whether a small Y represent better value than a medium X The Price Commission once-nibbled at the subject of the cost of small packs with its aim directed especially at small bottles of soft "mixer" drinks sold in pubs. The National Consumer Council has examined

the general case more recently and has concluded that "the poor pay more".

The table shows first that

Food price comparison

leads to the paradox that these with the least money to spend, must pay the most for each ounce of food. Many doubtless realized that they were making a false economy, but were so short of cash that they had to buy the smallest jar if they wanted to

smallest iar it they wanted to drink coffee at all.

The case of coffee illustrates the difficulty of making quicks comparisons of value between sizes of the same brand, let alone different ones. Prices in the table, recorded vesterday from a London branch of a large supermarket chain, show that the buyer of a one-ounce has that the buyer of a one-ounce be Nescale pays almost half asking much again per ounce as the buyer of a four-ounce iar.

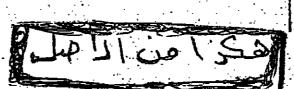
The difference occurs because more four-ounce iars of instant coffee are bought than and other size. That is therefore the size for which competition between brands in shops is most fierce and the size of which the deepest price cuts a

The only solution to such confusing differences in p of food lies in that our which the Government is ing forward in some part the food trade. Unit pr

means that each rack carrenor only its nrice but also the nrice for each number of 100 reams of food in it. there is a clear difference in the price per nunce of food

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	oz. p
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Marmite	2 18 59
Heinz baked beans	5 / Fi - 151 / 152
Birds custard powder	11 261 27 50 NATION
Bisto	10 to
Average price per ez	4.9p

Hugh Clayton





Marriages

The Rev P. E. Bird and Mrs J. A. Brewer

Mr W. P. Durlacher and Miss B. M. Alibu

is being spent in the Far East.

Mr P. W. D. Roberts and Mrs E. A. Scott Plummer

Philips. Captain and Mrs Michael Naylor-Leykand, Mejor Cecil Lomex, Mr Raiph Cobbold, Mrs Locelyn Hambro, Mr Charles Smith-Rytand, Miss Julia Romington-Hobbs. Lieutenam-Colonel and Mrs W. S. P. Littigow, Captain M. S. F. Kingkoote, Mr C. J. C. F. Cowlard, Mrs E. Bentley.

C. J. G. F. Cowlard, MYS E. Bernier, Colonal T. R. L. Greenhalgh, Miss P. Schreiber, Mr Philip Lock, Miss Maribellion, Miss Georgina Villers, Mis Debbig West, Brigadier C. R. Robertson, tropresenting Colonel Commandant Royal Amnoused Corps) with Major and Mrs. Seely (representing the director) and Mrs. Seely, Lieutenant-Colonne G. H. Raymeni (representing chairmar and committee, Royal Amnoused Colonnel Lieutenant and commoduse Colonnel Lieutenant and commoduse Colonnel Lieutenant and commoduse Colonnel Lieutenant Lieutenant Colonnel Lieutenant L

Birthdays today

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YORK HOUSE

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September 29: The Duke of Kent
this evening anesded the Silver
Jubilee Gala Performance by the
Kent Opera at the Assembly Hall,
Tunbridge Wells.
His Royal Highness, who
Enveled in an abcraft of The
Oncen's Filcht, was attended by
Lieutenant Commander Richard
Buckley, RN.

ember 25. The Princess garet Countries of Snowdon, airon of St. Margaret's Chapel d. 1885 months visited St taret's Chapel, Edinburgh Buckley, RN. The Duke of Gloucester will atten

er Royal Anginess, Colonel in-f The Royal Highland liers Trancess Margare's Glasging and Ayreline Reg-tle later visited the 1st Bota Bedford Barracks, Edin-Margarez.

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D. H. Gordon Miss S. J. White engagement is announced

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engagement: is inmounced veen Douglas Harriot; younger of Lord and Lady Adam don, of Hethersett, Little-th Cross, Seale; Surrey, and an Jennifer, daughter of Mr hony White, of 46 Aubrey it, W8, and Mrs John Wester, of Torr House, Anchenn, Kirkendbrightshire.

R. J. Codrington __ Miss C. A. Douds

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W. A. Fowler . Miss J. P. Bond

engagement is announced ween Wilfred, twin son of Mr Mrs John Fowler, of Limuru, ya, and Janet, only daughter. Mr and Mrs Ralph Bond, of robi, Kenya.

ut-Colonel R. N. B. Heimes I Miss M. J. McKersie e engagement is announced ween Nigel Holmes, of Farn-n Common, Buckinghamshire, Margaret McKersie, of Hurst-rpoint, West Sussex.

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J. S. Wraith Miss C. A. Richardson engagement is announced ween John Selby, eldest son of and Mrs S. R. Wraith, of ey, Northumberland, and terine Anne, daughter of Mr. A. Richardson and Mrs G. M. Elett, and stepdanghter of Mr. D. Howlett, of Teddington, dieses:

emorial service

or-General G. E. Prior-Palmer memorial service for Major-eral Erroll Prior-Palmer was i yesterday at St James's, addily. The Rev William ideley officiated. Among those sent were:

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ker, Mr Harry Hyde, of
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ervice reception

(Greater London) Transport siment RCT (Volunteers) autenant-Colonel G. T. Spate 1 officers of 151 (Greater Lon-1) Transport Regt RCT (V) e hosts at a recention vester. e hosts at a reception yester-evening at the Officers' Mess, gent's Park Barracks. Among se present were:

P. Mulley. MP. Colonel the Earl of
m. Brigadiers N. Chiles and A.
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counters of Snowdon, who bearried in an angest of The Queen's Flight, was attended by the Lady Anne Tennant and Major The Lord Hanter and Enrick Enrick.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 297. The Duke of Goucester opered the Italian Garden Environmental Programme of the London Celebrations Committee of the Queen's Silver Hibbies

the centenary conference of the Library Association at the Fes-tival Hall on October 4.

A memorial service for Mr. H. J. C. Stevens will be held an Friday. October 28, at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon.

Mr N. O. Faulkner and Miss R. B. Cowper ..

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Sir Eric and Lady Faulkner, of Chart Cottage, Scal Chort, Sevencaks, Kent, and Rosalind, daughter of Mrand Mrs A. W.-N. Cowper, of Old Quey House, Walhampton, Lymington, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs J. Duthe, of Bleaton Hallet, Bridge of Cally, Perthshire, and Daphne, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J. R. B. Knox, of Kintrockat, Brechin Angus.

Mr J. Hatch and Miss P. Stewart

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J. I. Hatch, of Rawcliffe Bridge, Yorkshire, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Stewart, of Chartenial Verhelitan

Mr P. J. Jillings and Miss J. M. Rutchinson

and mass J. M. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced
between Peter John, eider son
of Mr and Mrs A. Jillings, of
Statterheim, Cape Pravince, South
Africa, and Junet Mergarct, eider
daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C.
Hutchinson, Hyde End, Shinfield,
ir Reading.

Mr P. N. Quinnen and Miss D. M. Hetherington

and mass D. M. Heinerington
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J. N. Quinnen, of 11
Blakesley Avenue, London, W5,
and Diman, youngest daughter of
Rear Admiral and - Mrs Derick
Hetherington, of Appleton,
Abingdon.

Major E. D. C. Tew, RE and Miss P. J. Rouse
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of the late Mr. John Tew and of Mrs Tew, of Thoms Beach House, Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Philippa Jane, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander Peter Rouse, RN (ret), and Mrs Rouse, of Tarrant House, Tiptoe, Lymington, Hampshire,

Mr G. J. C. Silbert and Miss V. Welss

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The engagement is announced
between Gavin Joseph Cohen,
eider son of Mr and Mrs K. A.
Silbert, of Perth, Western Australia, and Vivien, younger tralia, and Vivien, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Welss. of Melbourne, Victoria. Mariorie Countess of Brocknock, the ountess of Gainsborough, Lord and ady Hugh Russell, Lord and Laty Hugh Russell, Lord and Laty Fewling. Lord Rotherwick Commonder Sir Allam Noble: the Hon incholas and Mirs Villiers, the Hon his Smith-yimid, the Hon Anthony Cayer. The on Mrs Pease, Colonel Sir Ian Walker-Kerover, valso representing The Derhyshire Yeometry and The Derhyshire Yeometry and The Derhyshire Yeometry and Lord Seet. Sir Micholas Avigen-Goldsendi, Sir Herculos Langishe, Caroline Lady Nuttell, Lady Ignrell, Floid Marshal Sir Gerald Smirell, Floid Marshal Sir Gerald Smirell, Floid Marshal Sir Gerald Sminler, Sir Ansirew Mallind-Megdillerichtes if Pé O Seam Navigatiu Comany; with Mr A. B. Marshall and Gr. H. T. Seazley; General Sir Charles loses, Lady Flower, Lady David Reel, Sir Edward and the Lon Lady

yesterday to succeed him on November 11. Luncheons

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon yesterday at 10 Down-ing Street in honour of Licenciado Daniel Oduber Oulros, President of Costa Rica. The other guests

Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor of London (left) with Air Commodore

Alderman Peter Vanneck, aged 55, a stockbroker, who was elected

and Mrs J. A. Brewer
The marriage took place yesterday
at St Mark's Church, Reigate,
between the Rev Percy Eric Bird,
of Ramsbury, Witshire, and Mrs
Joan Aimée Brewer, of Reigate,
Surrey, daughter of Mrs Helen
Webb and the late Mr Harold
Cope Parsons, and widow of Mr
Leslie E. Brewer. and Miss E. M. Allhusen
The marriage took place on
Thursday, September 29, at St
Paul's, Knightsbridge, between Mr
William Durlacher, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J. S. Durlacher, of
Whitefriars, Sevenoaks, Kent, and
Miss Elizabeth Aidhusen, eldest
daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and
Mrs R. C. Allinusen, of Bradenham
fiall, Therford, Norfolk.
The bride, who was given away
by her father, was attended by
Miss Linda Allhusen, Miss Susie
Haig, Miss Joey Chenevit-Trench,
Samantha Durlacher, Flona
Adams, Amabel Bolt and Marcus
Hanbury. Mr Michael McLaren
was best man.
A reception was held at the
Berkeley Hotel and the honeymoon
is being spent in the Far East.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday Air Commodore and Alderman the Hon Peter Vanneck, Lord Mayor elect, and Mrs. Vanneck, with the Court of Alderman the elect, and Mrs Vanneck, with the Court of Aldermen, the Aldermanic Sheriff, the Chief Commoner and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies. Other guests included the Master of the Company of Master Mariners and Mrs J. E. Bury, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A. Colin Cole and Mr Christopher J. Gillett. Lieutenant Colonel
A. Colin Cole
Christopher J. Gillett.

The marriage took place quietly on September 14 between Mr Peter Roberts and Mrs Lulla Scott British Council British Council.

Sir John Llewellyn, director-general, British Council. was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens, in bonour of Mr Kher Jagatsingh, Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, Mauritius. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Adeane, 67; Mr. M. C. Chagla, 77; Sir. Peter Fawcus, 62; Lord Lloyd, 65; Sir Nevill Mott, 72; Mr. Michael Powell, 72; Mr. J. I. M. Stewart, 71; Mr. Donald Swann, 54.

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By Our Astronomical

Mercury will be a morning star until superior conjunction on the 18th and a evening star thereafter, but too near the Sun for obser-

Venus rises soon after 03h at

the beginning of the month and about 05h at the end. During the month it will pass from the middle of Leo to the eastern half of Virgo. Moon near it on the

11th.

Mars will have riser by the hour of our map but is too near the boundary to be shown; in Gemini close to Pollux, which it outsines by half a magnitude. Moon near on the 5th.

Jupiter, at magnitude —1.9, is quite conspicuous this month a little to the north of east in the late evening. Moon near it on the 4th.

Saturn is a morning star in

and rises in the early hours. Moon near it on the 19th.

Uranus is now lost in the sun-set glow, and, although Neptune remains above the horizon for two home after sunset, it too is almost

The Moon ! last quarter, 5d09h ;

new, 12d2th (eclipse); first quarter, 19d13h; full, 25d24b. The eclipse of the Sun on the 12th will not be observable in Europe. The totality track lies wholly in

the Pacific Ocean, except for the last few minutes in Columbia.

Partial over the adiacent countries

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Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 2d20, 22d22h and 25d19h.

Mira Ceti: this long-period variable star should reach naked eye. level any time now.

eye level any time now.
Summer time ends on the 23rd,
when 3 am BST will become 02h
GMT.

Low in the south at this time

ar in in sequence and is there-

Correspondent

11th. .

Today's engagements

Sydney Carter in last programme of "Let's Celebrate" series, St James's Piccadilly, 6.30. Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, Nuova Capella Chamber Choir, 1.15.

Dinners

Mr James Wellbeloved, Under Secretary of State for Defence for the RAF, and Mrs Wellbeloved were hosts last night at a dinner given by her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House, in honour of Mr John C. Stetson, Secretary of the United States Air Force, and Mrs Sterson. Among those pre-

sent were: Mr and Mrs Edward Streeter, Dr John Martin, Brigadier General William W Hoover, Air Chief Marshal Str Michae end Lade Beetham, Air Chief Marsha Str David and Lady Evans, 91 Ciliforn and Ledy Cornford, Ur and Mrs G. E. Hall, and Colonol and Mrs Robert G.

Jesus College Cambridge Society The annual dinner and first ladies night of the Jesus College Cam-bridge Society was held at Armoury House last night. The Master, Sir Alan Cottrell, was in the chair and the health of the college was proposed by Sir Peter Masefield. The other guests of the society were Lady Masefield and Mrs Muriel Brittain.

Liverpool University

A dinner in honour of Sir James Mountford was held at Aberc.omby Square, Liverpool, yester-day. The Chancellor of Liverpool University, Sir Kenneth Wheare, and other

cester, Patron of Girls' Public Day School Trust, opens hall at Central Newcastle High School, 12.

The Duke of Gloncester attents

of 1923 is sold for £38,200

Rolls-Royce

OBITUARY ·

This disaster called forth

those characteristics which all

who have known him so much

admired. He published two novels, Apparition (1928) and

Between two men (1935). Several other novels were not

published. He also wrote poetry and children's stories notably, Adventures of the little pig

(1937). In the early 1930s he worked

with various scientific and medical committees on problems of malnutrition and in 1939 he published with R. M. Timuss a Penguin Special entitled Our food problem and its relation to our Narional De-

relation to our National De-jences. At this time he became secretary of the Children's Nu-trition Council, a position he held into the 1950s. He also

studied and wrote about civic

restaurants, schools meals policy and food controls. He contributed greatly to the

public understanding of the social and economic problems connected with malnutrition. An example of his wide interest

in national and international food problems was the planning

and editing with N. W. Pirie of Four Thousand Million Mouths

Four Thousand Million Mouths
—Scientific humanism and the
Shadow of World Hunger
(1951). Another book, written
with E. M. Cage was entitled
Planning Meais (1951). His
concern for the Third World
was shown by his contribution
to the book entitled The New
West Africa (1953) written in
collaboration with H. Collins,
T. Hodgkin, and A. Okafor.
After this period his work

After this period his work was main'v concerned with problems of ageing. Ageing in Industry (1955) was written with A. C. Duone. Growing old

in a mechanized world (1969) and Women, work and age

DR FREDERICK

LE GROS CLARK

Studies in social and

industrial problems

Dr Frederick Le Gros Clark, Age and Leisure was published known to all his friends as Bill, in 1966. There were many condied on September 22 at the farence reports, both matienal

known to all his tracement died on September 22 at the age of 85. He was educated at Blundell's School and entered Balliol College, Oxford, in 1911.

He studied classics and would have taken "Greats" but for workers in industry or homes. See Dunstan's Foundation or hold.

day of the war he was blinded him to write a both which in both eyes and lost his right appeared under the ritle hand.

Blinded in War (1969). For this

study he paid visits to many people who had suffered the

came tragedy as his own. For

a number of years he has acted as a consultant to the Industrial

Training Research Unit of University College, London. Just before he died he finished a text entitled Fair shares for

Pensioners and he expressed the strong hope that it would

and writings be was an effec-tive broadcaster. He was in-

former Association of Scientific Workers and the "Science for Feate" movement. He often spoke at meetings and was

especially concerned that scientific people of all kinds should be sensitive to their

should be sensitive to their responsibilities for the safety and welfare of the world. It may well be asked how a totally blind man lacking his

right hand could do so much.

he had exceptional determina-tion in overcoming the efforts

of his disabilities and a wander-ful memory which eachies him to remember almost everything

that was reed to him, He lad

many friends and above all his first wife Ida, and, in his later

vears, his second wife. Wirifred, gave him great love and

support. Fortunately not many people suffer such a respectable of misfortunes as he did. There

was the war tracedy, then the

loss of Ida and, recently, the loss of Winfred, but he monaged to hear these bland with that courage for which e'l

will remember him. In presenting him with the degree of Poctor of Science in Social

Sciences, honoris couse, the Ornor of Pristol University said "His substantial work has been done quietly and unpretentiously. These things together with his scholarship, kindness and tolerance, heve, I know here an inspiration to his

volved in the activities of

Apart from his social studies

be published.

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

A private buyer from Texas paid £38,200 for a 1923 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Salamanca with coachwork by Brewster, of Springfield, Massachusetts, in Sotheby's sale of veteran, vintage and special interest motorcars at Castle Donington, Derbyshire, yesterday, sale totalled £184,000.

A 1929 Bentley 42 litre drophead coupé with bodywork by Park Ward went for £10,006 and a 1963 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III long-wheelbase standard steel saloon sold for £7,850. A 1931 Lagonda two-litre low chassis open tourer ferched £5,150,

The bargain of the sale was a 1961 MG "A" "1500" Mark I coupé in good condition, which sold for £400. The oldest car was a 1964 De Dion Bouton "Crips Special" two-seated fuel carrier, which fetched £1,200. Probably the fastest car was a formula I Cooper Monoposto racing car of about Monoposto racing car of about 1957, which made £2,000.

At Sotheby's Belgravia, a sale of sliver, objects of virtu and miniatures from c 1837 realized 589,214. A large Rerthold Müller parcel gilt nef, 27 inches high. German, of about 1900, fetched £2,600.

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Sixty-six pieces of Francis Higgins reeded fiddle shell pattern table silver, London, 1839-60, went for £1,650, and a good Hunt and Roskell silver-gilt replica of the Portland Vase and a mirror stand on suite, London, 1897, fetched £1,500.

Lawrence's of Crewkerne, Somerset, held a sale of books and manuscripts totalling £31,000 with six out of 445 lots unsold. Millistrators were commanding remarkable prices: Kate Green-away's Little Anne and Other Poems of 1883 made £270, and two volumes of Wagner illustrated by Arthur Rackham made £310 (estimate £150 to £200).

Christick on Wednesday on

Christie's on Wednesday con-cluded their two-day sale of the contents of Bois Dore, home of the late Mrs Eleanor Dorrance Ingersoll, in Newport, Rhode Island. The two days brought in £268,275, not including premium, with one lot unsold.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr J. S. Arthur, aged 54, British High Commissioner to Fifi, to be the first British High Commis-sioner (non resident) to the Republic of Nauru. He will con-tinue to reside at Suva.

Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw to be president of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications on January 1, in succession to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr Laurence Peterken, aged 45. to be controller of operational services for the Greater London Council in succession to Mr Cyril

Professor Alun Llywelyn-Williams, professor of extra-mural studies, University College of North Wales, Bangor, to be chairman of the North Wales Arts Association in succession to Sir Ben Bowen Thomas. Mr Robert Kilsby, aged 54,

Surrey's senior trading standards officer, to be the first adviser on trading standards and the enforcement of consumer protection ent of consumer protection ion with the Department legislation with the

Legal

Lord Scarman to be president of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar. Mr David McNeill, QC, to be chairman of the Bar. Mr David Hirst, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar. Mr Michael Nolan. QC, treasurer of the Senate, and Mr Justice Goff, chairman of the Council of Legal Education.

Mr Igor Judge to be prosecuting counsel to the Inland Revenue on the Midland and Oxford Circuit in succession to Mr Bruce Laughland, QC.

(1962) were published with the pretentiously. These thirms support of the Nuffield Foundation. The years still unkindness and tolerance, have. I explored (1964) was written with F. S. Milligan and Work, many friends and colleagues."

DR GEORGE SIMON

Dr George Simon, who died on September 20, was born in Manchester in 1902. His father was a scholarly cotton merchant and his mother was a Rothen-stein, eister of the artists William Rothenstein and Albert Rutherston. His two brothers. Oliver and Herbert Simon, were craftsmen printers and directors of the Curwen Press for many He decided to be a doctor

Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, he suddenly went very deaf, and was advised to special ize in radiology, for which good

From this beginning, and completely regardless of his disability, he went on to become a radiologist of international stature. Although he eventually stature of the disability of the stature of the stature of the stature. specialized in diseases of the chest, his books cover the whole X-ray Diagnosis (1956): Principles of Bone X-ray Diagnosis

(1950): Surface & Radiological Anatomy (1971): and X-ray Anatomy (Escalton). He fin-ished reading the proofs of this lest book the night before he died. His fifty or more published papers were mainly on the different aspects of radiology in chest diseases.

He was a popular teacher and lecturer on radiology at St Barthelomew's, Brompton, National Heart. Hammersmith, Univerthe first in the family) at the sity College, King's College and age of 14. After a brilliant Northwick Park hospitals, His start as a medical student at face was therefore familiar to countless students of different generations and national des. His distinctive voice, his provocative humour and necetrating questions are remem-bered with affection. He was a regular lecturer in America with the Fleischner Society and in Switzerland with the International Diagnostic Course in Davos. He delivered the first George Simon Lecture at Excter on March 16, 1974. Throughout range of radiology: X-ray Diag-nosis (1949); Principles of Chest X-ray Diagnosis (1956): Prin-pose, kindness and unshakable

MISS PHYLLIS NEILSON-TERRY

Sir John Gielgud writes: Phyllis Terry's career in her middle years included a num-ber of successes not mentioned in your obituary. She starred with Herbert Marshall in Heat Wave at the St James's Theatre. and acted for several seasons at the Open-Air Theatre, where she played Oberon, Olivia, and one played Oberon, Onvia, and Queen Katharine for Sydney Carroll (he tried to persuade her to play Henry the Fifth, too, but she wisely refused). But her most ambitious perform-ance was as Queen Elizabeth in a German play translated by Ashley Dukes, with Matheson Lang as Philip of Spain. In this play she showed unexpected tragic power in the scene in which Essex bursts

scene in which Essex bursts into her presence to find her wigless and dishevelled.

The last time I saw her on the stage was at Wimbledon during the war years, acting with undiminished grace the part of the schoolmistress in Emiyn Williams's The Corn is

SMUTNA Mrs Jaroslava Smutná, née

Weber, died in London on September 23 at the age of 80. The daughter of a Prague doctor, she married in 1919 Dr Jaromir

turned to Prague in 1945 only to escape to London again efter the Communist coup in 1948. After the death of her hus-band in 1964, she continued to

live in their Putney home which had been Dr Benes's residence for a while during the war. She had been on friendly terms with the Beneses and with Jan Masaryk, the foreign minister, Some years ago she donated the bulk of her husband's papers, of great interest to scholars of history, to the Archive of Russian and Eastern European History and Culture at Columbia University, New York March to her diemay one

York. Much to her dismay, one of the most important docu-ments concerning the mysterious death of Jan Masaryk, has disappeared from the Archive. She is survived by her two ons both living in this SOES

Green! She was always something of a heroine to me, with was naturally somewhat in awe of her when she gave me my very first professional engage-ment, as assistant stage manager and understudy, on tour with her in 1922. But whenever I met her in later years her sweemess to me was as unfailing as her generosity.

Superbly equipped with beauty and natural talent, her great height put her to some disadvantage, though it gave her a fine authority for the part of Trilby and the Shakes-pearean heroines. She had worked hard to perfect her vocal and technical skills and to control the early manner. to control the early manner-isms inherited from her beauti-ful mother. Julia Nellson. I always remember her once murmuring as she stood in the wings waiting for her entrance, "Shall I give them real tears tonight?"

MAJOR-GENERAL M. W. PRYNNE

Major-General Michael Whitworth Prynne, CB, CBE, secretary of the Association of Consulting Engineers from 1969 and earlier in 1964-65 and 1966-67 Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Southern Command, was killed with his wife in a read accident at Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, on Tuesday, as already briefly reported in The Times. He was 65.

The son of Lieut-Col A. H. L. Prynne he was educated at Bed-ford School; RMA Woolwich; and St John's College, Cam-bridge. He was commissioned with the Royal Engineers in 1932 and served in the Second World War in Persia, Irao, North Africa and Italy being mentioned in despatches. He was GSO1, HQ Eighth Army and Colonel GS at HQ Alfsea. He attended the Joint Services Staff College in 1948 and from 1951-53 was Military Attache Moscow, He was appointed GC 39 Corps, Engineer Regiment, East Africa in 1953 and was again mentioned in despatches He was appointed Colonel, GS HQ Northern Army Group in 1956 and Deputy Director, War Office, in 1980.

He married in 1940, Jean Violet, daughter of Captain Geoffrey Stewart. They had one son and three daughters.

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(Posters) Oct 31: The Rev A. M. Catley, Rector of Johan-with-Durley, diocese of Posts

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Diocese of Portsmouth The Rev F. C. Carpenter, regidentiary caton of Portsmouth Cathedral and Archdoson-designate of the 15th of Wight, to be priced-in-charge of The Hot Cross, Simple 10th Archdoson-designate of the 15th of the Hot Cross, Simple 10th Archard of Northwood and priest-in-charge of Holy Trighty Cours, 10 be an honorary canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Prayery recognized

Mr Robert Squire, aged 31, a gas fitter, of Collyer Street, Kirkcaldy,

Gallantry medal

Mr John Horton, a former marine training officer with the Royal Bahamas Police Force, has been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for his part in recuing electrified mast of a yacht at Nassau last November.

Church news

Diocese of Peterborough
The Rev J. S. Hell, pricest-in-charge
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vicar of Clare with Poshingford,
diocese of St. Edmondshory and
diswich, to by Vicar of St. Michael and
All Angels Northampton.
The Rev R. Wither, formerly vicar
of Walfor with Sibbersoft, and nonresiscollary cannot be personaged.

a week for his two children.

Fife, who was family injured last October attempting to stop a runaway tractor with a boy aged 10 on board, has had his bravery recognized by the Carnegle Hero Fund Trust. It has awarded his widowed mother a memorial certificate and an allowance of £2

University news

Resignations

Dr Jonathan Miller has been ap pointed to a visiting professorship in drama at Westfield College. Newcastle

The degree of bachelor of medica science has been awarded with first-class honours to Penella Jane Woll, of Cheadle Hulme School in the September examinations.

Clockmakers Company

At an election court of the Clock makers Company held yesterday evening at Goldsmiths' Hall, Mr J. S. Vine was elected Master for evening at Golosmiths Hall, Mr J. S. Vine was elected Master for the ensuing year. Mr E. W. H. Christle was elected Senior Warden, Mr George Daniels, Renter Warden, and Mr J. C. Moss, Junion Warden, They will be incealled in January be installed in January.

Inverness, Sept 29.—Mr John Cobb, holder of the world's land speed record, lost his life on Loch Ness today while attempting to beat the water speed record. People watching from the shores of the loch saw his jet-propelled Crusader distingerate during its first run along the measured mile. The silver and crimson boat was skimming along the surface and seemed to be bumping. Then it disappeared momentarily, and when the spray subsided only a few pieces of wreckage were to be seen on the surface.

Mr Cobb killed

Playhouse in ald of St John Ambulance, 6.10. Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-

Creation: Frank Topping and

Jack the Ripper, anniversary walk, meet Tower Hill station, 9. Thirty-minute lecture, Tate Gallery, Bacon, gallery 18, 1.



The dispram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latting of London at 25hr 112 pm; at the beginning, 22hr 110 pm; in the middle and 21hr 19 pm; at the end of the month, local scan Time. At picces severy from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich that dispram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Green-

fore an average star, neither abnormally large nor abnormally small. It is, however, rather hotter than the Sun, the surface temperature being about 9,000°C compared with 6,000°, and is intrinsically much more luminous.

It has been pointed out before in these notes that this area of sky is a very watery one. In the same direction as Piscis Australis, but higher in the sky. is the fore an average star, neither

but higher in the sky, is the zodiacal constellation Pisces, the ordinary fishes. The vernal equinox lies in this group, close to the Moon for the 23rd. To the west along the rodiac we have Aquarius the waterman and Capritorius the sea goat.

Higher in the sky towards the west are Delphinis the dolphin and Cygnus the swan. To the east are Cerns the sea monster or whale

Low in the south at this time of year is the small and insignificant (m us) constellation of Piscis Australis, the Southern Fish. The inventors of the constellations lived in lower latitudes that we do, and to them this group, one of the ancient 48, would be higher in the sky, though still to the south. At that time, too, it was near the winter solstice. It has been associated with the Syrian fish-god Dagon. The bright star that can be noticed in our sky at present is Fornalhaut, a name from the Arabic meaning the mouth of the fish. In ancient Persia it was one of the four "royal stars"; and at a later date was an object of sim worship in Greece.

Fornalhaut is a white star of magnitude 1.2 and about 23 light-years away. Like the Sun, it believes the class of star known at min sequence and is thereand the river Eridanus.

Readers may have noticed in former paragraphs that in ancient times formeliant was near the solstice, and that in the present day the engineer is in Pisces.

Reminer and colcine are separated Reginox and solstice are separated by 90 degrees along the ecliptic, or 6 hours in right ascension, yet in this month's map Fomalisat

and Pisces are not far apart.

and Pisces are not far apart.

The Earth's axis is not quine fixed in space but "wobbles". like a dying spinning top, with a period of 26 thousand years. The consequence is that the celestial pole is moving around a point between Draco and Lyra, and it just hanners at measure to he near the happens at present to be near the star we call Polaris. This means that the equinoxes and solstices are also moving around the star sphere, and about five thousand years ago the latter was near

years ago the latter was near Fomathaut.

The pole in those days was between Polaris and Ursa Major, to the tail of Draco. This "precestion of the equinoxes" also accounts for the fact that the Vernal Equinox is still called "the first point of Aries", although it is in Pisces. The equator, which is changing, intersected the ecliptic, which is not, at the western limit of Aries when the name was given. given.

In discussing motion an estrono-mer must choose a frame of reference, for everything is mov-ing. In this case the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun is the standard of rest. MRS JAROSLAVA

Smumi, then a Czechoslovak diplomat, from 1935 to 1948 Chancellor (Principal Private Secretary) of Dr Edvard Benes, the second president of Czechoslovakia. They spent the Second World War in London exile and re-

country.

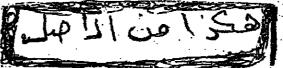
Stock Exchange Prices

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BUSINESS NEWS



Stock Exchange laces restrictive practices inquiry over commissions

ay go before the Restrictive actices Court. The Office of air Trading confirmed yester-ty that it is now looking osely at the longstanding ted commission rate structure

Since Mr Robert Fell, chief securive of The Stock schange, said yesterda ythat by move to break down the

strongly resisted, it seems probable that the matter will ultimately be decided by the

The time scale for all this is far from clear, however, partly because of the present workload of the Office of Fair Trading. Mr Fell estimated that it would not become a "live issue" at least until next year and possibly not until 1979.

Nevertheless, The Stock Exchange is already preparing its ground. It will apparently argue that the present minimum commission structure has operated since the turn of the century and on the basis that it is quite clear to the client The time scale for all this is

a detailed reply to commission's comment that there is a high level of vertical integration.

They say that the 50,000 or so

"tied" outlets that they own
represent only 36 per ceur of
total on and off licences and century and on the basis that it is quite clear to the client what expertise and service he is getting for his money.

But the main plank of any Stock Exchange defence, if it is needed, would be the experience in New York. There brokers were forced to adopt competitive commissions under pressure from the Securities and Exchange Commission. The result was savage discounting these now account for only 56 per cent of the volume of beer sales, down from 66 per cent

"Given the constraints provided by the licensing laws", they say, "it is not possible to compete simply by opening more outlets". The commission is strongly criticized for ignoring sales through registered chibs and non-brewery off-licenses licences.

The brewers point out that collectively, these two types of outlet alone account for 30 per Financial Editor, page 23 cent of sales and their rate of growth far exceeds that of

Big brewery

market 'not

exceptional'

the product groups listed the share of the five kirgest enter-prises was higher than in brow-

The brewers also say that the share of the largest brewing enterprises in Britain is not very different from that in the United States and Belgium and is markedly lower than in Denmark, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan and other countries.

In addition the brewers give

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share of

By Patricia Tisdall

"since 1967 the number of licensed clubs has gone up by 14 per cent; free trade on licenses have risen by 39 per cent and that of free trade restricted license premises such as restaurants have nearly doubled."

In contrast, the number of on and off licensed premises owned by brewers has dropped The brewers, who have pro-duced a weighty 40-page document backed by two substantial appendices from outside experts, have however, been able to supply much less convincing answers to the more general criticism implied by the commission that the tied house

structure is commercially In answering the commission's accusation that "the high profitability of brewing is masked by the lower profits earned by the rest of the business" the brewers merely

business" the brewers merely repeat the arguments they aired successfully to the Monopolies Commission in 1968-69. They say it is not possible separately to evaluate their wholesaling and retailing activities.

"The basic point", they say, "is simply that the retail estate exists to provide an outlet for the brewers products. As such it is its contribution to the overall return of the enterthe overall return of the enter-prise which is relevant, not an arbitrary calculation of the margins on retailing in relation to the capital employed in the

tied estate".

It describes as astonishing the commission's statement that the brewers' argument on this score suggests a "quite outmoded" approach to invest-ment and deployment of funds.

Credit licence applications rush to beat deadline

> consumer credit licences from companies which actually pro-vide the credit, banks, hire purchase companies and retailers which operate their own loan facilities, are pouring into the Office of Fair Trading in an effort to beat the dead-line for applications, which

> best consectors, credit counserhors, debt adjusters and credit
> reference agencies had to
> obtain their licences last May.
> Once the process of licensing
> credit companies had been
> completed then it will be the
> num of the credit brokers to apply for licences.
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> For this second stage the

far granted 7,000. Applications reached their peak this week and the OFT believe the number will be slightly lower than expected:

Provided the applications company giving credit can con-tinue to trade as though he were licensed until the time his application is turned down. The Director General of Fair Trading can withhold licences from anyone who he thinks is not a "fit" person. Without a licence a credit trader will be unable to enforce the credit agreement.

Associated Book heads for peak

Another record year is under way at Associated Book Pub-lishers. The first half has on turnover of £11.4m against benefits derived from the first half to be maintained and increased marginally by further progress in the second half.".

Turbine generating deal will bring GEC and C A Parsons together

Companies to share Drax contract

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent

A complex deal for dividing the £125m contract for turbine Sgles oncentration by a few big companies is not excep-tional in the brewing industry generating equipment for the congroversial second stage of the Drax coal fired station in if compared with other trades, the Brewers' Society says in a reply to criticisms by the Price Commission.

To make their point, the Yorkshire between C. A. Parsons and GEC will be announced today by the Central Electricity Generating brewers refer to the 1968 Census of Production which reveals that in more than half

Board (CEGB). The executive committee of the generating authority incers this morning to put the final touches to an announcement which could result in the nor:'s eastern-based subsidiary of the

Dollar loses

ground on

exchanges

A flurry of activity on the foreign exchanges followed the prediction yesterday by Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary

of the United States Treasury, that the balance of payments delicit will be as large next

The dollar lost ground against

effective depreciation, measured against a basket of currencies, worsened, from -0.69 per cent on Wednesday to -0.82 per

The dollar's fall was most marked against the Swiss franc, which closed at 2.3415 to the dollar, and the Japanese yen, which closed 1.55 yen stronger against the dollar at 265.10.

There was a lot of criticism

on Wednesday at the Inter-national Monetary Fund meet-

ing in Washington of the per-ristent Japanese trade surplus

and the unwillingness of the unwillingness of the Japanese to allow a significant streng-thening in the yen.

This led to rumours in the

markets of a likely realignment of currencies with a

higher yen and a weaker dollar

The pound also gained strongly against the dollar, reaching its best rate for over

It weakeved slightly in the afternoon after the Bank of

England had intervened to hold the rate down, and dropped 0.1 on the effective rate index to

The closing rate against the dollar was up 5 points on the day at 1.7450.

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By Caroline Arkinson

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work on the contract.
It is thought that remaining 20 per cent would be undertaken at GEC's Larne factory in Northern Ireland where the 1,000 strong labour force is fast running out of

has the capability to build complete turbo-generator sets, it is more likely that the factory would concentrate on the hope feed hearing and ancillary ing t equipment for Drax, leaving year. the bulk of the order to Par-

Washington, Sept 29
Mr Michael Blumenthal, the

United States Treasury Secre-tary, today stepped up the pressure on Japan to do some-thing to reduce its huge sur-

plus on the balance of pay-ments with a warning that un-

less the Japanese take effective action, protectionist pressures in America and the rest of the world would "justifiably"

Mr Blumenthai's statement is

the most severe warning to

date to the Japanese that they

have emerged at this year's annual meeting of the Inter-national Monetary Fund as the prime target for criticism for their role in the world

Pressure from the United

States and other countries has

splitting the work the

Strong US warning to

Tokyo on trade surplus

turbine generator manufac-turers into a closer liaison which could eventually result in the single turbine generator manufacturing company that the CEGB is anxious to see.

A split contract, on a project of this size is a new departure for the CEGB and will require considerable further negotiation before work reaches the factory floor. It seems unlikely that either company could hope to begin any manufacturing before the middle of next

Over the past two weeks the officials of the Department of

keep out foreign goods.

Fears of the impact of a new round of currency instability

are so great here that the demands of only a few months

ago that the yen should be allowed to float upwards have

What the finance ministers

as a whole seem to want most from the foreign exchange markets is a period of relative

stability.

Mr Blumenthal expressed

the widespread annoyance that

repeated Japanese forecasts and promises that their surplus would melt away have been followed by a reality in which

it has grown enormously.

Energy on compensation for bringing the £600m contract forward from its original 1979 date. Today's announcement, it is expected, will give an outline of how compensation wili be paid. It is thought that

Government is happy with the idea of solitting the contract, particularly as the work would be concentrated in areas of high unemployment. This could be the first step

in bringing the two companies together-something the Detparments of Energy and Industry have conspicuously failed to achieve during a long series of negotiations this year.



Michael Blumenthal: "Results that matter."

the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development put it at around a \$10,000m surplus for this year.

Japan is always willing to take part in discussions, the theory goes, but "it is the results tha matter" Mr Blu-

Although the Japanese current account was said by been strongly directed towards moving into a \$1,000m (about urging the Japanese to stimulate demand at home and to estimates by both the IMF and

Japanese exports rise by 40pc

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Sept 29 ·

Contradicting Tokyo's assurances to the outside world, Japan's huge surplus in trade is now likely to increase by an even greater margin later this year, the Japan Trade Council suggested today. It based its projections on statistics of 14 mazor trading companies in August, usually a reliable indicator of future trends, and indicated that the

value of export contracts con-

cluded last month registered

this year. At the same time the rate of increase of import contracts in August dropped to the lowest level in 21 months.

The council pointed out that the 14 conglomerates control

60 per cent of Japan's volume Their strustics suggested that export contracts last month rose to £2,286m which was a 40 per cent increase over the figure for the

same month last year and a 35 per cent increase ca July.

£1,223m a decline of 23 per cent against the total for the same period last year and down by 14 per cent on the level for

However, a spokesman for the council said that the sudden spurt in exports in August could be attributed to large contracts to supply plant equipment to the Middle East and South East Asia. .The figures seem to indicate

that Japan will wind up with an estimated trade surplus od \$14,000m (£8,200m) at the end

Brussels critical of whisky group

Brussels, Sept 29.—The European Commission, under procedure just opened, has requested Arthur Bell and Sons, the whisky manufacturers, to change its sales practices which the Community's anti-trust offi-cials claim, do not conform with the EEC comperition rules.

This marks the third such procedure against a whisky company. Similar communications went out several weeks ago to the Distillers Co, Britain's largest whisky group, and the W. M. Teachers and Sons

Soaring tin price brings Crofty back to the public

Sea oil has shrouded the achievements of one of Britain's portant extractive industries.

With the strong rise in the tin price, the Cornish tin industry is alive and—for the most part—doing very well. So well in fact that South Crofty, which has tin mines pear Pedruph and has tin mines near Redruth and Cambourne, is being floated publicly. (See Financial Editor, page 23.)

The floating of a base metal mine is now such an extra-ordinary event in Britain that City sages were yesterday scratching their heads trying to remember the last occasion. By common consent Geever Tir Mines, which also mines in Cornwall, was the last floata-tion way back in the mist sof

In fact, the coming to the market of Crofty is not exactly new-more of a refloat in fact. It first went public in 1906 but 10 years ago the entire company was bought out by Siamese Tin Syndicate, which was supsedneusja takeu oaer pa

Having spent some £41m over the last few years on creital expenditure at Crofty, St Piran has now decided to sell 35 per cent of Crofty back to the public.

On offer are 5,250,000 shares at 50p each, which will raise £2,625,000 for St Piran which intends to use the money for unspecified acquisitions in the mining and house building industries (it already has a successful housebuilding subsidi-

arv). Profits at Crofty are esti-mated conservatively at £2m this year, compared with £1.54m pretax last year, although the outlook for the tin price is such that at least £2.5m is likely, the expected dividend gives a vield of 121 per cent at the

issue price. Britain's tin production is so small that we do not rate a seat on the producers' side of the International Tin Council, Last year we produced 3,300 tonnes, or 25 per cent of our consumption of 13,100 tonnes.

The importance of the industry is not so much in terms of foreign exchange savings, but the strategic implications of not having to rely totally on im-

Until the sharp increase in the tin price, the Cornish industry was not happy. However, the price has risen from £3,000 a tonne at the beginning of last year to reach a record yesterday of £6,800 on the London Metal Exchange cash quotation.

Desmond Quigley

Renault for Austria

Regie Nationale des Usines Renault will establish a plant in Austria to produce compressed aluminium motor parts. The plant will go into service some time next year and will be run by a wholly-owned Renault subsidiary. No site has yet been chosen and no financial details are available at present. a Renault spokesman said.

Carter pressure to free World Bank of funding threat a request by the Administration for \$1,742m.

From Frank Vog! US Economics Correspondent Washington, Sept 29 President Carter has met

privately with leading members of Congress to try to convince them to pass legislation enabling the United States to provide \$1,200m (about £689.5m) of vitally needed funds to the World Rank

World Bank. Congress is opposing the President's demands and the situation is now "very serious", according to Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury. .

Congress seems determined to appropriate the funds with strict provisos as to how they may be

used. Mr Robert McNamara, World Bank President, has told Congress and President Carter that the Bank cannot legally accept the funds with these provisos.

Mr. Blumenthal said the failure of the United States to make its contributions could lead to other countries refusing

lead to other countries refusing to give funds to the World Bank group and "this would severely limit the operations

Congress has already sharply reduced the total level of contributions that the Carter Administration has publicly declared it will make. Legislation before the Congress calls for total World. Bank group contributions of \$1,218m for the year ending June 30, as exainst year ending June 30, as egainst

How the markets moved

In addition, clauses have been attached to the legislation that prohibit the use of these funds by the World Bank in projects

connected with several coun-tries, igclading iVetnam, Lass, Camboora and Angola, and connected with such commodities as palm oil, sugar and citrus fruits. These clauses are "totally unacceptable" according to top World Bank officials. In almost a desperate effort to convince Congress to delete these clauses Mr Carter has convinced former American Secretaries of the Treasury to issue a joint statement to Con-

gress.
There are nine such secretaries of the Treasury, including numerous republicans, notably Mr Robert Anderson, who served under President Eisenhower, Mr John Conally, Mr Henry Fowler and Mr Charles Schultz, who served under President Nixon, and Mr William Simon, who served in both the Nixon and Ford Administra-Congress was due to have

finally dealt with the legisla-tion today, but it has put off final deliberations until next week. At stake in this issue is the existence of the World Bank itself, which can barely survive without American support. The former Treasury Secre-

taries noted that "we reaffirm our belief that the United States participation in the international financial institutions—the World Bank and the Regional Development Banks—is vital to American economic and political interests."

A joint statement by such former tpo officials is without precedent here, experienced civil servants believe. The total volume of United States contri butions to the World Bank plus the Regional Development Banks this year is likely to total \$2,000m if Congress deletes its special prohibitive clauses in the pending legisla-Total income from all these

international institutions will amount to about SS,500m with the United States contributions. The former Treasury Secre-taries stressed that since the Second World War they have contended that "continued United States support and par ticipation in a leadership role is vitally necessary to a continu-ance of these organizations as effective instruments in inter national cooperation

They noted that if the United tates contributions were States offered in such a manner as to be unacceptable to the foreign aid institutions, then benefits provided to hundreds of millions of poor people

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Results for six months to 30th June 1977 with corresponding first half 1976 figures.

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- * PRE-TAX PROPIT INCREASE From £31,000 loss to £519,000 profit.
- * INTERIM DIVIDEND INCREASE From Nil to 1.0725p per share (6.5% gross).

* FUTURE

Prospects for the second half of 1977 are very encouraging and profits are expected to be greater than in the first half.

Provided their expectation of profit is fulfilled the Board intends to recommend a maximum permitted final dividend of 8.5% gross making 15% for the year.

ZAMBIA COPPER INVESTMENTS LIMITED (Incorporated in Semuda)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the eighth annual general meeting of members of Zambia Copper Investments Limited will be held at The Bank of Bermuda Bullding, Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda, at 11.00 on Wednesday, 26th October, 1977, for the following business:

2. To elect directors.

A member shittled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint another member so his proxy to atlend and, on a poll, to vote in his stead.

By order of the Board

D. F. Ellis

Registered Office : Belvedere Building. Pins Bay Road

1. To receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports of the directors and of the auditors for the year ended 30th June, 1977. To list the remuneration of the auditors and to appoint auditors for the en-

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Metal Fox 12p to 328p Owen Owen Paterson Zoch Racal Elect Recall Lifett op in Sap Rotaflet 3p to 48p Strong & Fisher 4p to 83p Taylor Pallis 3p to 53p W Rand Cons 10p to 145p

Gold lost \$0.75 au ounce to \$153.125. SDR-S was 1.16166 on Thursday,

Please contact Graham Ferrier at Breatford or Barry Unwin at Baket Street : a discuss your company's requirements.

Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Stock Exchange commissions

perated by members of The ock Exchange.

The implications of such a ove will not be lost in the ock market: Brokers and bbers have been keenly aware

ompetition in commission rates is forced 150 American tokerage firms to merge or go it of business.

Mr. Gordon Borrie, the irector General of Fair Tradpandon its present basis of parging commissions. If the

g, will as his next more wite The Stock Exchange to ock Exchange refuses to do it would be open to the irector General to refer the sue to the Restrictive Practes Court, a spokesman for the

result was savage discounting by many firms and those spe-cializing in institutional busi-ness, where the client has the power to dictate his own terms, suffered narticularly badly. Discounts of up to 30 per cent on the rates ruling at May.

BICC bid **EEC** lowers or Dorman Smith steel output v Nicholas Hirst

m-ferrous and cable company making an agreed cash and are offer worth £19m for rman Smith the Lancashire itchgear manufacturer. Dorman Smith announced it s having bid talks a week o, after a sharp rise in the ares. Yesterday the non-ling A stock rose 4p to 138p.
I the ordinary 5p to 150p.
rectors and other major rectors holding 63 per 1t of the ordinary and 18 per

BICC group, the international

the A have pledged ir holdings. r holdings.

Ferms are of one BICC, down at 118p yesterday, plus 29p cash for every Dorman ith ordinary, and one BICC is 19p in cash for the A ares. There is a cash aiternate of 151p for the ordinary. e of 151p for the ordinary d 141p for the non-voters.

linquish his duties. He has cently gone to live in the Isle

acts division in an attempt to ove downstream from the ow-growth cable business. The

The whole of the board will resigning if the takeover is ccessful, although the rest of

ercial use. The acquisition is a logical en for BICC, which has been silding up its industrial produstrial products division ready has an electrical accesries' section, which produces

THE PERSON NAMED IN

Dorman Smith is the market ader in moulded core circuit eakers and has a dominant sition in supplying switchear for industrial and com-

The bid results partly from a desire of Mr Geoffrey herton, the chairman, to

e management will be re-

From Michael Hornby Brussels, Sept 29 Steel production in the EEC for the last quarter of this year is forecast at 32 million

in June for the period.

The lower estimate reflects continued depressed demand-for steel, particularly from Europe's capital goods sectors, coupled with the after-effects of heavy stockpiling in the second quarter. The new forecast was an-

Herr Kutscher explained that the earlier, more optimistic assessment had been based on the assumption of a "recovery in overall activity in the Community towards the end of 1977 due to an upturn end of 1977 due to an uprum in the capital goods sector."

It was now clear that there was going to be no recovery, he said: The effects of weak demand had been accentrated by a high level of imports which, while running at a lower level than in the second half of last year, still accounted for some 10 percent of Community consumption.

This is put at 28.9 million tonnes in the last quarter, compared with 29.40 million in

industry.

The proposal will be submitted by the United States delegation during a two-day meeting in Paris of a steel committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

pports and ancillary equip-ent for cabling. Now switch-ar should complete the range. Development now in session. Daily Times of Nigeria Ltd.

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tonnes, compared with the 34.8 million tonnes predicted

pounced here today by Herr Hans Kurscher, a senior official in charge of forward programmes and market analysis:

US monitoring plan: America
is to propose the setting up of
a permanent international
group to manitor developments n the crisis-ridden world steel

By Margaret Stone Last minute applications for

expires tonight.
Credit licences are one of the main plants of consumer credit protection embodied in the 1974 Consumer Credit Act. Debt collectors, credit counsel-

OFT has received 19,000 applications for acences and has so

Falls

Equities ended lower Gilt-edged securities railled. Dollar premium 88.75 per cent (effective rate 25.31 per cent). Sterling rose 5 pts to \$1,7450. The effective exchange rate index was On other pages

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Interim Statement : George Wimpey & Co

Italcasse head resigns over Charges From John Earle Rome, Sept 29

Signor Giuseppe Arcaini, who is at the centre of investiga-tions into several financial scandals, has yielded to political pressures and resigned from the position of directorgeneral of Italcasse, the central institute of Italian savings banks, which he has held for

A former Christian Democrat deputy and junior minister, Signor Arcaini, who is 76, is president of Assobancaria, the association of Italian banks. from which he is also expected

to resign.
All political parties, including his own Christian Demo-crats, had called for Signor Arcains's removal after formal notification by a magistrate that charges were being investi-gated against him in connexion with political pay-offs by oil companies and, in another case, irregularities in housing per-

He has also been criticized He has also been criticized for the granting by Italcasse of loans totalling about 247,000m lire (£165m) to the Caltagirone Brothers, three Roman builders.

Italcasse's books have been under inspection by the Bank

of Italy. The central bank has also conducted an inspection into alleged irregularities at Banco di Napoli, the main bank in the Mezzogiorno mainland. The financial daily Il Sole-24 Ore today said the inspectors had made severe criticisms after ascertaining a shortfall in revenue of some 40,000m lire, "A sum such as to endanger the bank's profit and

loss account ".
In another development directed towards the moraliza-tion of public life, the chamber has approved a Bill, which now goes to the Senate, laving down that the Government must consult parliament in advance of top-level appointments in pubsector corporations and

The Bill stipulates that candidates must present a statement of their personal assets and a copy of their latest tax return.

Meanwhile, news from New York that Exxon has signed a consent decree with the Security Exchange Commission regarding political pay-offs in foreign countries, including Italy, has led to a statement from Signor Vincenzo Caz-zaniga, former Esso Italiana

He faces Italian charges concerned with the distribution of Esso funds in Italy. In his statement he majorains that the pay-offs to political parties are shown by the consent decree to have been made not on his own initiative "but on instructions by the parent company tion and the knowledge of its highest executives in New York". itself and with the authoriza-

Leyland bus and truck dispute ends

By R. W. Shakespeare British Leyland's 9,000 workers at five big bus and truck factories in Lancashire have decided to end their two-week strike

and return to work on Monday.

At meetings yesterday the strikers voted overwhelmingly in favour of a recommendation by shopfloor representatives and union officials that the strike be called off to allow negotiations with the company on a new pay deal to be completed.

The unions have now accepted management proposals that will give all of the

vorkers in the factories at Leyland and Chorley wage increases within the Gov-ernment's 10 per cent ceiling guideline, plus an opportunity further to increase their wage packets through a "self finan-cing productivity scheme".

Some further rationalization of shopfloor wage grades will be involved and the increase will take earnings to £57-£73.25 for a basic 40 hours.

The unions appear at this stage to have abandoned for the time being their demand for a reduction in the working week

negotiators at the Lancashire factories had Taking account of home turned down a management proposal of a 7.6 per cent acros-the-board increase plus the additional productivity element. It now seems that the company has made loan customers' needs some improvement in this offer.

Last night a Leyland spokesman wel-comed the return to work decision. He said it would bring confidence to both Leyland and the National Enterprise Board planning further financial investment the Leyland and Chorley plants.

Robb Caledon's £5m order | Steps taken to harmonize saves laying-off workers non-life insurance industry

it will gain some orders from the Anglo-Polish package. Talks on the 26 vessel deal Industrial Correspondent
The threat of redundancies among 1,000 workers at the shipbuilding group of Robb Caledon later this year has been averted by a £5m contract placed with the company.

Against strong competition from Germany and Japan in particular, the company has secured a contract from Associated Porrland Company for a worth £130m are expected to be resumed next week, although there is increasing speculation that Britain may fail to secure

all the ships which Poland wants to build.

Robb Caledon's success gaining the APC contract was influenced by the fact that the company has previously built three smaller but similar ships ated Portland Coment for a 4,350 tons deadweight self-unloading bulk coment carrier.

for the group.

The new ships will be operated in the New Zealand coastal trade by the Golden Bay at the Dundee yard as a result of a dwindling order book. It will provide a sufficient volume of work for the yard's labour force well into next year Cement company, an associate company of APC.

What particularly pleased Robb Caledon's negotiators was the fact that the United King-dom price was very close to the quotations received from Japanese companies who have been involved in aggressive marketing efforts to secure new reduce its labour force at its been i Leith yard, but like other ship-market builders. Robb Caledon hopes orders.

In brief

A Dutch company, Penn and Bauduio, is to build the other

four modules.

Total cost of the platform is expected to be around £70m.

already ordered British com-panies will acquire about 65

per cent of the value of the

Two-month strike ends

dustries will return to work today after a two months strike over a pay claim. A spokesman for the company, which makes aviation dials, said that it had tost one-sixth of its annual

turnover. The settlement was

reached inside the bounds of

A pay dispute may prevent

the operation of five sugar beet factories on Monday. More than 1,000 workers have imposed a

Sugar plant hold up

Nine hundred workers at the

together with equipment

The present six United Kingdom classes of business — the statistical framework by which the industry breaks down its business—will be expanded to 17. This is basically to accommodate the differing practice of insurance industries of all A further step towards harmonization of the non-life insurance industry in the European Community was taken yesterday with the publication of insurance industries of all the member companies. The of regulations governing the classification of risks and Germans, for example, list insurance against legal solvency margins of United insurance against legal expenses, whereas few British insurers write this class of Kingdom general insurers.

into effect next year, bring the British companies will have United Kingdom industry into to maintain a margin of solvency and a minimum guar-antee fund, which will be based line with the EEC's non-life Establishment Directive, the first major step on the higher of two sums calculated by reference to either their premium income or rowards a European common British insurers have been

However, existing small com-panies which have been trading soundly for years will be exempt from these provisions and others allowed a period of grace before meeting requirements in full.

The Government should look

its legislation and directives on jobs, he told a local govern-ment conference at Bourne-mouth. "There can be little

doubt that recent laws in the employment field have created a barrier, not least a psycholo-

gical one, that deters employers from taking on additional labour. Again and again I hear

that the Employment Protec-tion Act is discouraging em-

CBI chief attacks Fife yard reopens in Texaco deal legislative

Redpath Dorman Long, the Methil, Fife, oil production building subsidiary of the British Steel Corporation, is to form a joint venture with UIE, of Cherbourg, to build a £24m steel jacket for Texaco's Tartan oilfield in the North Sea. Work on the project will be divided almost equally between the two companies and will enable RDL to reopen its Methil construction yard and reemploy about 550 of the 1,100 workers

The contract was vital to vert the threat of redundancies

when the ship is due to be

Shortage of orders has already forced the company to

delivered.

made redundant as North Sea platform orders ran out. Texaco had planned to place the entire order with UIE, who submitted the lowest tender. But after intervention by the Department of Energy and the Offshore Supplies Office, the United States-based oil company was persuaded to give the British yard a large proportion of the work.

Texaco also announced yesterday that British companies would get orders for six of the 10 modules that will be placed on the jacket and deck structure. Burntisland Engineering Fabricators, only a few miles from Methil, is to build two drilling and two processing modules and Texaco has a short list of other British module strict 40-hour week. The fac-builders for the remaining two. tories, among 17 owned by the

Insurance

market in insurance.

in the areas affected have been told that no consignments of sugar beet would be accepted for the time being.

The regulations, which come

expecting the regulations for several years. Both the industry

and Department of Trade will undoubtedly have to adapt procedures to cope with the different systems and returns the regulations impose.

IMF and Italy

The International Monetary Fund has acceded to an Italian request to ease IMF-imposed strictures on government spend-ing in 1978, Signor Gaetano Stammati, Italian Treasury Minister, told parliamentary leaders yesterday. The Italian Treasury will be allowed to place interest paid on foreign debts outside the normal 1978

Narodny Bank claim Commodex Electronics of Ladbroke Grove, London, went into volumery liquidation yes-terday owing £2.4m. The Mos-cow Narodny Bank, which is owed £1m, is the biggest credi-tor. Its claim to hold securities

British Sugar Corporation, are at Peterborough, King's Lynn, Wissington in Suffolk, Allscott in Shropshire, and York. The corporation and growers barriers to jobs Recent laws in the employment field were deterring employers from taking on additional labour, Mr John Methven, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday.

ployers from taking on more people." Housing policy, too, could be a major barrier to increasing the mobility of labour Mr Methven also called for a closer understanding and cooperation with local authorities in attracting industry. " In on the assets, worth £1.5m, is to be contested, said Mr Leonard Curtis, a chartered many areas great efforts have been made to entice in industrial development . . . but there must be increasing emphasis on accountant and one of the nominated joint liquidators.

Sir, Mr Griggs of the Building tive costs. Yours faithfully, Societies Association (September 27) has done a service to the critics of the monolith he

represents by expressing attitudes which perhaps account for the indifference to customer needs sometimes shown by his From Mr J. H. Sand members. Sir. Mr N. E. Griggs's bland He says borrowers "should

Fro mMr J. F. Workman

be able to check the interest relief" and human errors "can and should be easily rectified ". No mention of who is respon-sible for sporting the errors, nor of the difficulty even a competent mathematician might find in working on the scenty that in working on the sciency data the lender provides. For example, given that interest is usually debited at the beginning of each year rather than at shorter intervals on the declining balance, how are interest rate changes during the year actually applied to the debt? As for claiming tax relief, if Mr Griggs thinks that it is too much to expect every borrower to himself claim tax relief, I doubt whether he has a 91 per cent mortgage! The Revenue quite clearly places responsibility on the taxpayer to ensure that he does not over-

pay tax, and Building Societies should provide the information should provide the information to allow him to do that.

One last point—Building Society operations are so closely linked to the Revenue that one wonders why they do not align their financial years with the tax year. Surely

From Mr John Hatherley Sir, Mr Roland Freeman has the wrong end of the stick alto-gether, by advocating de-rating of inner city areas (Business News, September 29). A likely result of a step so erroneous in principle would be an increase in the price of land by at least the capitalized value of the

rates removed.

Let us look elsewhere for a solution. Rosslyn, across the Key Bridge from Washington, DC, United States was in 1950 still a shambles left by what had been a red light district. Then the Arlington County assessors made an amendment to the rating system. Now

In 1960, Southfield, where three main highways converge near the famous Northfield Shopping Centre on the edge of Detroit, had just needed a federal depressed-area subsidy to help pay for its new city ball. The new mayor ordered a change in the rating system Almost overnight, Southfield became the most booming city

J. F. WORKMAN, 45 Lower Road, Great Amwell, Ware, Herrfordshire. September 28.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

defence of present home loans taxation arrangements (September 27) should not be selowed the last word. As a borrower from one of

the largest societies I received in June, 1976 an assessment showing a figure of 1975-76 interest which was abviously too low. The society's local office gave me a higher figure over the telephone, which I reported to the inspector when sending in my appeal a day or two later. In March, 1977, the inspector write: "As soon as I receive details of interest total in the year to April 5, 1976, I will amend the assessment; even then it took until May 10 for him to produce the amendent, showing the figure the society had given me nearly 11 months This is fairly typical of what

takes place each year between me, my society and my manector and makes me wonder how much experience Mr Griggs has Yours faithfully. TOWN SAND 19 Brett House,

Putney Heath Lane London, SW15 3JE.

De-rating in inner city areas

Rosslyn is more intensively developed than any other area in the District of Columbia.

in Michigan, and within 10 years had more office develop-ment than Detroit which is 20 times as large.

Many years ago, the Danes changed their rating system, and cleared the slums of Copenhagen in eight years. What was the Churchill pointed out 70 years ago that our rating system is "vicious" (his word) because it taxes buildings. He said that

land should be rated. Apart from the cities, I mentioned, that adopted this method, let Mr Freeman look around the world at the now growing number of cities using primarily a land tax (starting, if he likes, with Wellington, New Zealand, and Sydney) and compare their thriving inner centres with those of cities that do not, such as New York and London. Yours faithfully

Yours faithtuny.
JOHN HATHERLEY,
and Wallington Carshalton and Liberal Association, 16 Brighton Road, Couisdon, Surrey. September 27.

Implications Severn - this would reduce administrabarrage

From Mr F. E. Osborne Sir, Dr Morris's letter (Septem ber 26) make a number of points which this organization has been asking the Government to investigate over a period of years. A Severn barrage would have important environmental implications, and these do need to be studied fully before any further commitment is made.

I cannot, however, share Dr. Morris's view that the power contributed by a barrage would only represent a marginal benefit. Current estimates suggest that 10 per cent of the United Kingdom's present amoual requirement for electricity could be produced by a suitable barrage for an initial ouday comparable with that comparative with the same capacity chained from nuclear stations, with longer life and lower maintenance costs.

A barrage or any similar allernative scheme would indeed be a major man-made altera in the environment, but I would suggest that as a psycho-logist Dr Morris should be even more concerned about the broader effect on our popula-tion of knowing that by relying on the nuclear proposals we shall be committed to stockpiling additional tons of deadly nuclear waste over a period rather longer than recorded history to date.

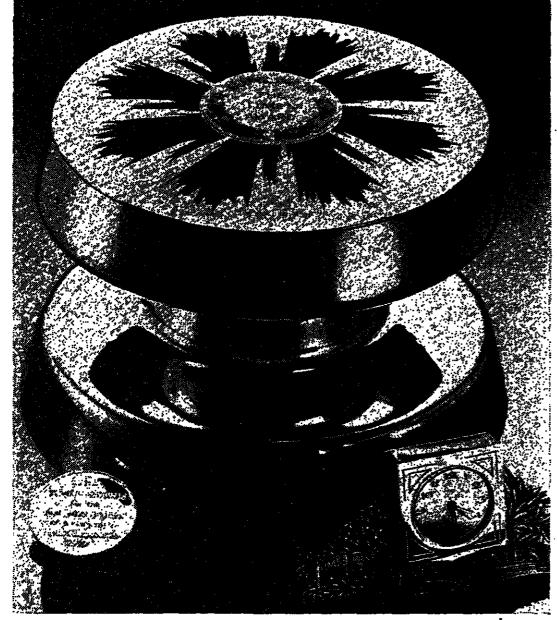
Those of us who believe in the potential of the Severn estuary without being committed to any particular scheme feel that it is at least worth while spending money to see whether an outcome could nor be achieved which would give substantial electric power and positive environmental benefits control of the Severu bore, land reclamation, and so on-without incurring unacceptable

damage to the environment.

We do not share Dr Morriss view that the existence of vested interests itself disqualifies the inherent merits either of an inherent merits either of an estuary scheme or, for that matter, of the nuclear power proposals; given the scale of both, it would be adarming if there was not. Nor could we agree that enthusiasm should be replaced by realism. We believe there is scope for the two to go hand in hand.

Yours faithfully,
F.E. OSBORNE,

The Cardiff Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 101-108 The Exchange, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF1 6RD September 28.



The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results have aroused considerable interest since their introduction in 1974 and the competition is now in its fourth year.

The categories in which awards will be made are listed alongside. The conditions of entry remain unchanged.

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business carried on by the company. d) Include, at the option of the advertiser, such illustrations, graphs, or diagrams as may be necessary to supplement (c) above.

e) Leave the reader with the impression that the company concerned would be a good one to do business with, to work for,

or to invest in. Note: In the case of the categories Interim Results' or Preliminary Figures; only criteria (a) to (d) will apply.

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All entries are free, but must have appeared in the pages of The Times Business News during 1977.

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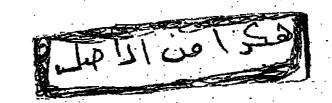
Michael Mander, Deputy Chief Executive and

Marketing Director,

The Times Awards,

The Times, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WCIX 8EZ. Tel: 01-8371234.

Presentation of the awards will be made early in 1978. THE TIMES



EDITOR.

Long gilts: to tap or not to tap

The Bank of England reinforced its signal from short-term interest rate stability yester than at home. day by once again forcing the discount houses to borrow at MLR for seven days. If that fails to produce the numbers the authorities are looking for at today's Treasury Bill tender, it looks very much as if suspension of the MLR formula would be

Of rather more interest to markets today, however, will be the Bank's attitude to the long end of the gilt market, particularly after the further weakening of the dollar yesterday. Will there or will there not be a new long dated stock issue? On the one hand, the authorities should be happy to see long rates driven down further and will doubtless be afraid of risking the pointless exercise of a foreign dominated sell-out. On the other hand, they must be playing guessing games as to the appropriate long-term yield level that will produce the stability needed for smooth medium-term management of the market.

Ready Mixed Concrete

Out of the recession

Hard on the heels of Barratt Developments report of a pickup in housing activity, Ready Mixed Concrete says the decline in United Kingdom output is levelling out. With Wimpey also saying yesterday that its order rate has ceased to decline, the construction

and building sector can take some heart from this week's news. Ready Mixed's interim figures show a 20 per cent profits improvement to £12m pretax with £8.9m coming from the home market

against £7.5m last time at the operating level in spite of a 10 per cent fall in domestic volume. Moreover, there have apparently been no adverse effects since it

abandoned pricing agreements.

Meanwhile, Mr Healey's hints of autumn stimulation for the economy is obviously encouraging for next year. Ready Mixed for one expects the volume graph to continue upwards.

But prospects are more uncertain for West German operations where profits fell and volume declined. But profits should be maintained for the full year at around

With other areas doing reasonably well this points to group profits for the year up to £28m against £22.9m. This will be combined with a markedly stronger balance sheet with the help of the new terms being offered to holders of the convertible stock. If this encourages full conversion by the end of the year net borrowings will be about £30m, half ner tangible assets.

Short-term borrowings at home will be eliminated so the company seems set to come strongly out of the recession. Moreover, acquisitions must be a possibility: abroad in the concrete business and at home

into other sectors. So the shares at 123p have attractions, even after yesterday's 7p rise, with a prospective yield of 7 per cent and p/e ratio

At the other end of the market spectrum stags should be out in force for the refloating of South Crofty, a Cornish tin mine. A profit estimate of 12m pre-tax seems conservative, and the prospective yield of 12.5 per cent is generous. So there is something left with the issue price pitched at 50p.

However, in the absence of any positive indications from the company (and promises of reinvestment elsewhere are hardly enough) existing St Piran sharcholders may not be so happy.

Lust year Crosty contributed 86 per cent of St Piran's after tax profits, a propor-tion that would have risen this year given the rise in the tin price. Adjusted for the 35 per cent float off of Crofty, Piran's earnings per share last year fell by 30 per cent. altering the historic p/e ratio on vesterday's unchanged 84p a share from 10.2 to 14.6.

St Piran shareholders are offered no preferential treatment in applying for the Crofty shares, which scems unduly hard (employee preference could have been cut back or scrapped to accommodate such a preference) and the St Piran argument that shareholders will still have 65 per cent

of Crofty is totally superflous.

There seems little St Piran shareholders can do-it takes three weeks to requisition an EGM and the offer closes next Wednesday. But after its recent strength-14p up this week-St Piran's share price may suffer. Crojty is now the share to buy if you can get in on the ground floor.

How dial-a-fact is coming closer to home

One of the Post Office's technological babies is showing sur-Kenneth Owen prisingly rapid and healthy growth. The Viewdata concept —linking television set and telephone to provide dialled Technology information services—is out of Correspondent the laboratory and is being taken very seriously by leading organizations in the informa-tion-providing business. Next June a market trial involving 1,000 Viewdata-adapted sets will begin in London, Eirming-beam and Norwich.

ham and Norwich.

development is planned and

approximate costs to the users (at each end of the information chain) are now known.

Details of progress to date emerged yesterday at a View-data conference in London org-

anized by the Butler Cox con-sultancy in association with the

Post Office. So far the corpora-tion has invested about £5m to

reach the stage of next year's market trial and about 100

information-providing organiza-tions have already been in-

For the viewer the Viewdata "pages" displayed on his or her television screen will resemble the broadcast Tele-

text information services (the BBC's Ceefax and the IBA's

Oracle) which are now accessible to those with appropri-

ately adapted receivers. But a prime difference is that a much

farger range of information, covering many subjects and intended for many different "readerships", will be stored in the Post Office's Viewdata

computer near Ipswich and will be available for transmission

when dialled up (via a calcu-lator-like keypad—not the tele-phone dial—to be precise).

The Post Office will provide

the medium, but not the mes-

sage—it holds the information

and communicates it to the tele-

the hands of a caretaker

administration as politicians

and parties have wrangled first

about the next government's

programme and, so far without

the new cabinet.

result, over the composition of

But it has begun to look over

Netherlands is also heading for

an economic crisis. Where there

was uncertainty about the economy, there is now pessi-

Mr Wim Duisenberg, the act-

ing finance minister, has forecast that unemployment

will rise to an average of 240,000 in 1978 from about

210,000 this year, greatly over-shooting the original target for 1978 of 185,000.

touch a quarter of a million by

Perhaps more disturbing for

rather optimistic.

volved in pilot trials.

phone subscriber. It is the outside information providing organizations (such as publishers, consumer organizations, travel From the general idea that a range of directories and other and transport organizations, financial and business information information sources might be made available via television acreens in the home and in services) which are responsible for the content. business the project has moved Whatever the subject, the norforward into firm proposals for specific services. A phased

mal method of use will be the same: the user will be presented with a basic guide or directory to the contents of the selected "magazine" and will progressively "narrow down" via subsequent pages to the information he needs.

He will normally pay the cost of a local telephone call for the time he is connected, plus a special Viewdata charge to the information provider. There would also, of course, be the price or rental of the Viewdataadapted television set.

To begin with, these sets are expected to sell for about £600, but it is thought that the price will drop markedly with advances in microelectronics and mass production.

By adding a coded "pass word" to the system, informa-tion can be supplied to particular groups of people. Agricul-tural Co-operation and Marketing Services, for example, is using the trial Viewdata service to provide confidential market intelligence to its members.

As well as straightforward in-formation retrieval, Viewdata can be used for computing calculations as an alternative to conventional time-sharing computing services. A full alpha-numeric keyboard (under de-velopment) would be needed

Even without a full keyboard, Viewdara could be used to pass certain messages from one relephone subscriber to another The popular example for which the Post Office clearly expects a hig demand is of the "De-layed at office. Shall be on train arriving at ... " type.

Another planned service would include complete trans-

actions. A user might call up a British Airways timetable, a British Airways timetable, make a reservation and pay by quoting his credit card number.

As well as the 100 organizations who have been involved in providing Viewdata information in the pilot trials so far, another 50 are actively interested, Post Office speakers disclosed yesterday. About a hundred of the total were interested dred of the total were interested mainly in the residential market and the remaining 50 in specialized services for business

Ten thousand frames of information are on the system at present and this should have

present and this should have increased to more than 100,000 by the start of the market trial next June. The corporation already has firm orders for 25,000 frames and is confident of filling 100,000 by Christmas. The information providers will each pay a £250 service charge to the Post Office, plus a fee of £1 per frame per year (for a minimum of 100 frames). The insertion and editing of data can be done in three ways data can be done in three ways data can be done in three ways

—by renting an editing keyboard terminal from the Post
Office at £250 a year; using
the same type of terminal on
Post Office premises at no
charge; or using an in-bouse
computer and passing the magnetic type to the corporation,
again at no charge.

again at no charge.

The information providers would also bear the cost of updating the information, obtaining the information and promoting the service.
On the revenue side,

charge to the domestic or business user will vary according to the particular Viewdata service. The Post Office suggests an everage of 0.2p to 0.4p per Adams & Associates are planeach other up and playing chess frame (the charge will be based ming to provide information for on the Viewchtaphone.

Peter Norman

Market trials of the Viewdata system will begin next June. Users will "dial up" pages of information which will be dispayed on their television screens.

up and not based on time), but the information providers have the option to increase or de-

crease this as they wish. What has emerged is a likely price band from nothing (for classified advertisements certain other services) to 2p per the price for the domestic services will have to be low, while the upper levels will apply more to the specialized business information services.

Providers of restricted-access services will also receive revenue from membership subscriptions.

Among the systems developed during the pilot trial, Extel has aimed at extending its traditional specialist information services for the City of London to the broader business market. St James Press has a server St James Press has worked on a user-group service of travel-trade information and J. R.

on the number of frames called advertising agencies, marketing companies and investment

Clearly, immense new possi bilities are opening up in the field of immediate-access information services. As well as genuine Viewdata-type services, a range of television "add-on" devices will bring new options (a cassette-based system was announced earlier this week) to the home and the office.

At the moment the domestic and business markets are devel-oping together. Soon they may diverge to meet different needs. Viewdata may become one element of a "unit video" analogous to unit audio in the home. In business use the possibilities appear virtually unlimited.

Finally, a random thought for parents of daughters who appear to spend ages on the boyfriends. Be warned: before too long, they could be calling

The battle over Rule 390

More than a month after a finished hearing evidence, the United States Securities Exchange Commission, has still to give an official indication of its final word on offfloor trading, most significantly the New York Stock Exchange's Rule 390.

Under the existing schedule, Rule 390 will be repealed on January 1 and with itif the great weight of evidence is to be believed—the death knell will be sounded for the traditional auction market system in the United States.

The rule dictates simply that any deal in listed-security-must-be-executed-on-thetrading floor of the NYSE and as a result the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange 216 centres have enjoyed a quasi-monopoly in share trading.

Acting under Congressional mandate to create a national and freely competitive market, the SEC understandably sees the repeal of the current restrictions as a crucial step in ending of a monopoly

In that view however it seems to stand virtually alone. At the forefront of the campaign against repual is the United States broking community, thready reeling under the effects of the ending of fixed commis-

sions two years ago.

Having seen 150 of their number merge or go under seemingly as a direct result of increased rate competition most brokers see the repeal as simply playing into the hands of their better neeled rivals.

Without "off-board" rules, securities firms will be able to match orders in their offices or act as dealers, buying from and selling to customers from their own inventories, as they do now for over-the-counter Corporate chiefs, institutions, and invest-

ment clubs have swung their support behind NYSE chairman, Mr William Batten, in his fight against the SEC's plan. They see that the effect will be to create

a situation where investors increasingly find that they have to transact business in listed stocks directly with dealers without any certainty that he is getting the best price available,

A further and perhaps even more important problem concerns the potential conflict of interest in a firm acting both as broker and dealer.

In response to the SEC plan the NYSE only too aware of its special interest has asked only that the SEC stay its hand on the repeal until its own plans for a new National Market System can go ahead.



While patien coairman of the New York

Under this competing qualified marketmakers in competing centres—initially existing Exchanges and the National Association of Securities Dealers-would be electronically linked thus providing open access among all markets for listed

Whatever the SEC's final decision the ramifications can be expected to be felt far outside the United States Securities markets -as no doubt the Stock Exchange here is fully aware given that the Office of Fair Trading seems to be hot on the heels of the SEC with regard to fixed commissions.

For more than four months the Dutch have been wallowing in only to that of Luxembourg. More than 30 per cent of gross a political crisis. Since the gennational product is exported. eral election in May government in The Hague has been in

Whereas the government originally envisaged an 8.5 per half showed no real increase compared with 1976. In response, the Dutch central planning office revised its export growth forecast for this year downwards to nil, but this target must be in doubt after the July figures, which showed a fall in exports in value terms of about 300m guilders (about £70m) to 7,844m (£1,820m)

compared with July last year. In consequence a new pack age of measures to stimulate the economy is expected by the middle of October whether there is a new cabinet or not. mr Joop den Uyl, the prime minister, has suggested that 3,000m guilders should be lopped off taxes and social

security contributions next year. Officials at the Hague finance nunistry think that 2,000m to 2,500m guilders is a more likely figure, taking the form of a cut in personal taxation or social security payments or a combination of the two.

The official unemployment figures have already begun to move strongly upwards. The number given as our of work has increased by a tenth since the middle of this year to about 220,000 and is expected to exact a country of a superior of the strong of the s the end of this year, making Mr Duisenberg's forecast look The underlying assumption is that the trade unions and employers in The Netherlands will then agree to a form of social contract, which will rethe economic planners in The Hague have been figures suggesting that the volume of Dutch exports will fall this year, as they did in the recession year of 1975.

In the European Community, The Netherlands' economy has sult in the average worker forgoing a real wage increase next year. For one of the lessons drawn from this year's slump in exports is that Dutch indus-try has become increasingly un-

Economic worries add to the problems of the Dutch partly because of the high cost of labour.

The fact that Mr Den Uyl, in his capacity as caretaker prime minister, is contemplating taking action over the economy cent rise in export volume in is an indication of the gravity 1977, the figures for the first of the latest developments in the export and labour markets. Viewed positively, The Netherlands has a large balance of payments surplus because of

its exports of natural gas. In the past year or so the Dutch authorities have also made progress wage increases and inflation. The political wrangling of the past half year might also have given the impression that economic policy makers in the Hague and Amsterdam had all

the time in the world to formulate and execute their decisions. In fact, the reverse was true. The political vacuum and economic setbacks of this year have come at a time when a finely tuned at time when a they tuned medium-term, economic strategy to restore full employ-ment by 1980 should have been getting into its stride. Towards the end of 1975 the government of Mr den Uyl decided that the economy would have to begin an adjustment to an era

brought down to an "accept-able" level of 150,000 by the end of this decade the claims of the public sector on the national income would have to be curbed and profits would have to rise.
Alongside wage restraint key

points of the policy were a slow-down in the growth of the borden of social charges and taxation to 1 per cent per year from the previous rate of about 1.65 per cent and the establishment of an investment fund to subsidize private investment with a system of variable

premiums.
The so-called "1 per cent policy" by limiting the growth of the collective take in net to create an atmosphere in which business confidence would be strengthened and investment would rise.

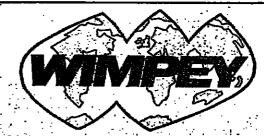
The investment fund, through which the government intended to make available 13,400m guilders for industry by 1980, was designed to channel growth into selected areas by offering additional premiums for invest-

ment fund fell by the wayside when Mr den Uyl's government collapsed in the spring shortly before the general election. Although there was much scepticism about the structural economic policy of the previous den Uyl government, it .dd nevertheless form part of an overall concept of government action to restore full employ

The Dutch Government is under pressure, of time, as a large rise in the country's labour force is expected from 1980 onwards. The mediumterm policy was designed to restore full employment before facing up to this new challenge. Events in 1977 have turned the policy into a hotch potch of measures to which a short-term economic stimulation pro-

gramme will no doubt shortly be added.

Twelve months ago, the authors of The Netherlands budget memorandum for this peer protection. year wrote than 1977 would be the yardstick against which the success of the medium-term policy would be measured. If The Netherlands is to return to full employment by the end of this decade, this is one prophecy



Business Diary: Cuckney ahoy • Bywater is back

Lord Aldington leaves the Port of London after six and a half years today and the new chairn an, John Cuckney, takes over on Monday in a changeover awaited by management and staff with keen, if wary,

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The two men could hardly be more different, apart from a common background in banking and finance. Aldington is the bluff extrovert—forceful, voluble and warm. Cuckney is more introvert—elegant, intellectual and cool. Both can be tough—as, indeed, the job

Things are a lot better at the PLA now than they were two or three years ago. There was a f6.7m. improvement from a loss of £8.4m in 1975

trom a loss of to one of £1.7m.

Trade. this Trade this year is about 4 per cent up, thanks to aggresper cent up, thanks to aggressive marketing and a more commercial approach, and last year's financial improvements should be a should be a

Yet serious problems remain, the most obvious being a sur-plus of dockers still running at 600 to 700, of whom about 500 are either too old or unfit. An verage age of about 45 is too high for the active life of a docker and, along with shedding more existing staff, Cuckney will need to start recruiting and training Lon-don's labour force of the

important, is the need to con-tinue the transformation begun. Darby board at the end of last under Aldington of the Port of London from an "authority" to a commercial and operating Concern a transformation as



John Cuckney

much psychological as organ-After a remarkable career in

both public and private sectors as banker, industrialist (he was chairman of Mersey Docks from 1970-72) and civil servant Cuckney certainly has the right sort of background for the task.

At the weekend he flies back from Washington where he has been attending the IMF talks wearing his Crown Agents' hat (he is chairman, a job he

M Jim Bywater, the former chairmen of the Same Darby trading company, is in Britain and it rather looks as if he will be remining to his old speci-

ality, engineering.

Bywater had been chief executive for two and a half Less obvious, but equally years and chairman for one year after a boardroom tussle won by the Malaysian Government controlled Pernas

He then repaired to his holi-day villa near Myrtou in the Turkish sector of Cyprus, mercifully untouched during the investigated 1974 the invasion of 1974.

His visit to Britain has partly to do with the annual reunion of Ford scholarship students in Taunton tomorrow and is partly to discuss job possibilities. By-water told Business Diary yes-terday that he is having talks about one or tow chairmanships that are likely to become vacant, as well as a chief executiveship. all something to do with engineering.

He was with Ford for 25 years becoming both a director of Ford UK and second-in-command of the worldwide tractor division.

He has also caled on another ex-Sime alumnus, Keith Bright, who left two months after Bywater and is now chief executive of Allied Biscuits.



Jim Bywater

The National Campaign for hand, but recode just do not Firework Reform and the Firework to pay that much for a work Manufacturers' Guild are

locking horns in their annual squabble over how mony child-ren could be injured this Nov-ember and why. The manufacturers are posi-

tively incandescent about the bland assertion of the reform campaign's director, Noel Tobin, that nine tenths of the fireworks sold here are im-imported from the Republic of China. This, Tobin says, is a cunning way round the manufacturers' voluntary undertaking to the Government to cut the output of bangers by

"This is a myth that must be exploded", a monufacturers' spokesman actually said, flaring up like one of his own pyrotechnical devices.

In fact, only one British manufacturer. Brocks, is said to be importing Chinese fireworks this year. They will represent three fifths of that company's sales, but are sold in boxed collections with special instructions and include no bangers at all.

Even in .1975, when Benwell also imported from China, the Chinese probably accounted for no more than a fifth of sales. Arthur Reed, managing director of Brocks, says that his firm has honoured the manufacturers' undertoking to the Government: "We have given up the manufacture and sale of bangers completely and we used to make 12 million a year.

"We gave up for economic reasons. Like all fireworks they have to be packed by hand, but reaple just do not

competitive in world markets,

Dorman Smith was that the chairman. Geoffrey Atherton, missed playing in the company's yesterday. To prevent further speculation in the shares the company. felt obliged to make an announcement that it was having bid talks and, as Geoffrey Atherton told us, having since made an announcement the company wanted to conclude the talks as soon as possible to

(B) One effect of last week's sharp rise in the share price of the electrical switchgear group

reduce uncertainty. Unfortunately, the result was that the bidder, BICC, was ready to announce its success on the day of the annual golf match and Atherton, whose family has been involved with the group since 1926, had to man the phone in a Southport hotel while his colleagues fought for the prize he last won 14 years ago.

His handicap is 12-" au indifferent golfter" he saidbut at 48 he plans to taken an extended holiday, which if the galf tradition continues under new ownership could bring him back as a guest winner next year.

I wonder how long it took the Truing Trust Company of New York to come up with the title Society for World Wide Inter-bank Financial Telecommunication " for its computerized com munications network, which began operation between Europe and North America this week. The acronym—get it?
—is SWIFT. Let's hope it is.

ment according to its type, location and effect on employment. The 1 per cent role has been of slower economic growth. that had better not come true.

Interim Statement

	6 months to 30.6.77	6 months to 30.6 76 (see note) £m	Year 1976 £m
Operating Profit (including share of Associates' results)	19.0	14.7	43.0
Interest payable (net)	1.5	-	-
Interest receivable (net)	.=	1.3	1.5
Profit before Taxation	17.5	16.0	44.5
Taxation	8.8	8.3	24.4
Profit after Taxation	8.7	7.8	20.1
Minority interests	0.3	0.3	0.7
Net Profit after Taxation attributable to the Group	8.4	7.5	19.4
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MOTE: The results for the half-year to 30 June 1976 are not strictly comparable with those for the first half of 1977 as the former do not reflect the later change of accounting procedure under Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9.

Mr. R. B. Smith, The Chairman, states:

"The value of work carried out during the half-year at £338m was 14% up on the corresponding period of 1976.

Although the United Kingdom construction market is still depressed, the orders have ceased to decline in the last few months, though at the expense of profit margins. The maintenance of an active home market is vital, not only in itself, but as a base for continued expansion overseas. Sales of private houses are

proceeding satisfactorily. The effect of the employment of

funds in property acquisitions and development, many of which have not reached the income-producing stage, is reflected in the change in interest receivable and payable."

George Wimpey & Co. Limited, Hammersmith Grove London W6 TEN.



Scottish Development Agency has invested £11m in 29 firms

A year ago the Scottish Development Agency made its first major equity investment in Ranco Motors. Since then, 29 Scottish firms, many engaged in high technology from laser manufacturers to sea food processors, have received film of direct investment by the agency. This was disclosed yes-terday by Sir William Gray, the chairman when the SDA introduced some of its successes at press conference in Edin-

burgh.
Since that first announcement, the agency finds itself the owner of the larger part of one baboon used for medical research by the Inveresk Research Institute of Mussel-burgh, in which the agency has a £450,000 stake, and a substantial interest in numerous other enterprising projects which reported they were doing well in home and export markets. In some cases, it was claimed, purely Scottish inter-ests had taken off from an original American base, and were competing healthily with American products.
Financial help has been provided in loans, equity guaran-

tees and partnerships. The Development Agency yesterday. largest direct investment to date has been £2m, to British Carpets of Glasgow and Cumnock, to help a modernization program**me.**

The agency has handled 184 requests for assistance since it was formed. Of these, 29 have been accepted, 35 are under consideration, and 120 have been withdrawn or rejected. In all, the agency has helped to secure or create 8,000

The Small Business Division is helping to finance more than 300 firms, and advising a further 1,020. Mr David Ogilvie, head of the division, pointed out that small businesses accounted for more than nine-tenths of Scottish industry. To date, the agency has spent some £30m of the £200m budget provided for its first five years.

£1m aid for five Welsh companies By Patricia Tisdall

Investments amounting to nearly £1m for five companies were announced by the Welsh

Organizations receiving backing by the agency include Delyn, a packaging group based in South Wales, with a shares and loan deal involving an investment of £298,000.

The WDA also announced its

biggest investment so far in North Wales with £250,000 for Ecco Jewellery, of Ruthin, The agency is putting £100,000 into John Williams and Co (Crwin Quarries) and Rock Products Kidwelly), two companies in a West Wales quarry group. In addition it is lending £50,000 to Four T Engineering

water filter manufacturers of Llanelli, and £30,000 to Euro-tec Precision, a Wrexham engineering concern. Other investments include £210,000 in a new company, H. G. Tubes, being formed by a consortium of British, Arab and American businessmen to

restart a Llanelli tube-making business. Further investments totalling more than £10m are under con-sideration by the WDA.

Mr Ian Gray, managing director of the agency, said: "Our investment activities are now taking off in a big way."

TV exports

is vital to national economic growth, Sir David Orr, chair-man of Unilever, said yester-

Transport Association in East-bourne he called on manufacindustry, national and international, 10 "speak up more forcibly on the crucial role transport plays in its pro-

Government for giving industrial strategy top priority and, at the same time, imposing "savage" cuts on road invest-ment and maintenance.

One day's delay in Unilever's world operations required £16m extra stock, Sir David said, or £4m a day for the United Kingdom alone. "If that sort of funding is needed for just one company, think what the cost must be in national terms. We just capput afford to have ust cannot afford to have

ment in transport equipment and infrastructure must rate equally with other forms of industrial capital equipment, he

sider the need for economic growth based on increased industrial investment, without taking account of the need for increased and continuing investment in transport to

Sir David criticized the concept of an integrated transport policy which had more to do with reconciling conflicting interests than greater efficiency.

He welcomed the devolution-

US curbs cut Japan's colour

Exports to Saudi Arabia rose 9.5 times to 11,118 sets from a year earlier. Those to Kuwait

August colour TV output fell 16.7 per cent to 686,000 sets from 823,500 in July and fell 21.9 per cent from August last year, the association said.

end of August rose to 1.16 million sets from July's 1.14 million.—Reuter.

first time since the beginning of 1975.

ing that the most recent figures for imports of yarns and fabrics

suggested that the second quar-

Demand for household tex-

tiles fell by 13 per cent com-pared with the first three months of this year, while ex-

penditure by consumers fell to

Levels of production re-mained depressed in almost all

The survey also noted that there was an easing in manu-

factured prices of textiles and clothing following sharp falls in

prices paid for cotton and wool.

to be maintained.

the major sectors.

But the survey gave a warn-

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Stock markets

Plenty of business as sellers gain upper hand

tom. The TUC's overnight opposition to Government coercion on pay brought an early mark-down which was quickly followed by some light selling as reports came through

of municipal workers seeking rises of up to 30 per cent. By 11 am the FT Index had lost a full five points but matimproved thereafter as limited buying developed on the strength of sterling which at one point stood at its best level against the dollar for more than

Pauls and Whites managed to hold on to a 5p gain to 113p on suggestions that this old bid story is about to come true. What does seem to be true is that Spillers is not building a share stake, and that Mr J. R. Clayton, Pauls' managing direc-Clayton, Pauls managing direc-tor, knows of no one, including BP, trying to take over the group. The group also seems to be doing reasonably well, with profits probably rising from £5.2m to £5.75m or so in the year to next March.

But by mid-afternoon prices began to drift again as the interest dried up and by the close the index was 4.1 lower In gilts early losses of half a

point for longer maturities were replaced by gains of around five-eighths in spite of a further Bank signal that it wanted an unchanged MLR. Here, too, sterling was the spur which brought interest at the lower The implications of lower

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Owen Owen (1) 36.9(35.7)
Pirelli Cable (1) 42.9(34.7)
Ready Mixed (1) 265.1(233.9)
3.7(2.8) interest rates again inspired a continued demand for financial Ready Mureu (*)
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Strong & Fshr (I) 27.1(16.6)
Weeks Assoc (I) 4.3(3.5)

Wimpey (I) —(—) issues, but in more general terms most equity dealers see the short term as being a period of consolidation.

The two-way nature of business in the current market working wonders for daily

Pay settlement worries over turnover which over the past shadowed equities for most of two days has been back at the the session though a rally in level of two weeks ago when gilts lifted prices off the botter index reached its all-time.

> A clutch of profit statements from leading names focussed attention on the building sector.'
> Here Higgs & Hill scored an impressive 7p rise to 83p rather to the surprise of some who thought the profits, though good, were not exceptional. RMC was also 7p to the good, at 123p, after reporting profits £1m above most expectations. The surprise here was an improvement on the UK side. Wimpey's return was at the bottom end of what was a wide range of forecasts and with dealers taking note of the im-pact of higher interest charges the shares eased 1 p for a close of 79p. Tarmac continued to

Company Sales
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Allied Polymer (I) 34.48(27.93
Anchor Chem (I) 5.81(4.79)
APV Bldgs (I) 98.6(58.5)
Assoc Book (I) 11.46(10.32
Assoc Sprayers (I) 3.0(2.8)
Aus Agric (I) —(—)
Brown Bros (I) 31.9(27.8)

R. Cartwright (1) 2.4(1.8) Eastern Pro (1) 11.17(6.7) Finance & Ind (F) 0.19(0.2)

HSSRS & HTM (1) 3.8(3.6)

Ldn Pavillion (1) —(—)

Ingali Ind (F) 3.6(3.1)

Modern Eng (I) 3.3(2.8)

Montague Bos (I) —(—)

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ing 10p off in two days.

A further £22m worth of Trafalgar House Investments which ended 4p to the good at 150p.

Metal Box proved to be a weak spot dipping 12p to 328p on worries over a prices probe. Decca "A" continued to go ahead, this time by another 5p to 510p but Hawker Siddeley gave up 8p to 186p, Bowater 5p to 184p and BAT Deferred, the most active counter of the session, 5p to 230p. This week's reports that Reed Group may be considering selling its national newspapers brought a note of uncertainty to the shares which closed 5p lower at 194p.

Latest results

Earnings

per share 1.6(0.9)

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Strong & Fshr (I) 27.1(16.6) 1.8(1.4) 17.3(16.1c)

Weeks Assoc (I) 4.3(3.5) 0.37(0.23) 2.61(1.99)

Geo Wimpey (I) —(—) 17.5(16.0) —(—)

Dividends in this table are shown set of tax on pence per share.

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ported recently and the shares. Takeover and speculative to 50p. In a better than average dipped another 5p to 163p, making 10p off in two days.

A further £22m worth of news of talks, added another But Owen Owen slipped 5p to property sales and the consequent strengthening of the bal-soured 129p to 410p after terms ance sheet brought interest to worth 14m from Buxa Dooars. Speculative demand was centred

on Lafarge, up 11p to 99p awaiting a move from the parent, Manganes Bronze, which put on 6p to 48p and Marshalls Universal, which closed 140 to the Investment: demand was directed into commodity group Gill & Duffus and by the end the shares were 6p abead at

In foods both Rowntree, 5p 410p, and Wheatsheaf, Sp to 215p, react from recent gains but theer were reports of a good turnover in Tesco though this was not reflected in the price which eased half a point

18/10 —(0.9) 11/11 —(2.4)

30/11 3.87(3.57) 24/11 —(1.1)

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But Owen Owen slipped 5p to 67p after reported a bigger loss. Responding to the more optimistic outlook investors favoured Combined English Stores, which reported on Wed-nesday, and the shares rose 2p to 94p. Consumer spending hopes continued to sput Dixons Photographic, which gained another 2p to 156p.

In the financial settor the clearing banks reacted to their recent strength with Lloyds lowered 7p to 280p, and Mid-land, 5p to 368p. But the mer-chants continued to find favour, particularly L. Joseph, which went ahead 20p to 180p, and Hambros, 3p to 230p. Of the discounters—the best were Alexanders, up 7p to 292p, and Allen Harvey & Ross. 5p to 550p. Standard Chartered gained 8p to 418p.

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The pick of a subdued properto pitch was Bernard Sunley which rose 10p to 1930 on a fresh takeover speculation. The main spur for the demand was Eagle Star's one-third stake though watchers point out that any move would need the consent of the board which con-trols around 30 per cent. The group has been particularly successful with contracting work in the Middle East.

Equity rurrover on September 28 was £157.63m (19,431 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BAT Dfd, ICL; Barclays Bank. Consolidated Gold Fields, Midland Bank, Unileyer, Shell. Commercial Union, Rowater, Gus "A", Lourno, Poutins, Oil Exploration, Royal Insurance, RTZ, Hill Samuel, Llovds Bank, RMC, Higgs & Hill, Foseco Minsep, Owen Owen, Gill & Duffus, and Metal

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Unilever chief criticizes cuts in road maintenance

More investment in transport

Addressing the Freight

Sir David criticized the

lorries sitting trapped in traffic snarl-ups caused by inadequate roads." If British industry was to

By Peter Hill

ported yesterday.

previous quarter.

Industrial Correspondent

Encouraging growth in ex-ports of textiles and clothing

and a check on imports, against

the background of sluggish domestic demand and depressed

production levels in the second

quarter of this year, was re-

Total exports over the three-

month period were 5 per cent higher in volume terms than

in the corresponding period of last year and 27 per cent greater

Yarns and fabrics exports amounted to £292.2m compared

with £287.7m in the previous three-month period, while cloth-ing exports rose to £126.9m

compared with £119.2m in the

in terms of current prices.

"It is plain nonsense to con-

support that growth."

ary flavour of the recent transport White Paper but said transport had fared particularly badly in recent attempts to con-trol public expenditure, pre-sumably for reasons of political expediency.
Mr Hugh Featherstone, FTA

director, said that uncertainty
over drivers' hours was a
"charade" in which a wrong
decision by the EEC could
force Britain unwittingly into a

Quarterly textile exports increase by 27pc

Largest increases occurred in

sectors with a particularly

the man-made fibres and car-

significant increase in the volume to EEC countries.

The latest survey of the in-dustry, published in the weekly Government journal, Trade and Industry, also revealed the effectiveness of Government

action to curb imports of tex-

tiles and clothing after appeals for protection from the in-

dustry.

Clothing imports in the second quarter fell to £177m from £201.5m in the first period, while imports of yarns and fabrics fell from £288.9m in the first three months to

in the first three months to

£274.8m in the second quarter.

in current prices fell for the

Value of imports expressed

colour television exports in August rose slightly to 366,435 sets from 365,297 in July, but fell 13.7 per cent from August last year, according to the Electronic Industries Association.

The association attributed the August decline chiefly to a drop in the export shipments to the United States after an agree-ment to curb exports from July. Exports to America fell 28.6 per cent to 173,681 in August from a vear before.

were up 2.6 times to 8,683, and those to the United Arab Emirates up 3.2 times to 5,098.

Reflecting slow domestic sales, colour TV stocks at the

Trafalgar House in £22m property sales

Trafalgar House Limited has

recently made property sales for an aggregate consideration of approximately £22m. The transactions involved are: The sale of a portfolio of industrial and warehouse properties to an investment fund. The properties,

which are situated at Cambridge, Camberley, Enfield, Horsham, Newham and Woking, have a total floor area of 586,000 sq ft. This is a routine disposal following completion of the developments concerned and Trafalgar still has in hand a substantial programme of industrial and warehouse

The sale of the modern office building at Trafalgar's South Lodge site in Knightsbridge to an investment fund. This an investment fund. This property is let to a Government agency. The residential site at South Lodge recently offered for sale by tender, has also been sold.



Mr Nigel Broackes, chairman.

bedroom hotel of that name in Cromwell Road. Trafelgar has posing of any of its other hotel

The sale of 47 Berkeley Square. This office investment The sale to Grand Metro- with its long term reversionary three years ago, during which politan Hotels Limited of value no longer satisfies the London International Hotel requirements of Trafalgar's substantially and is projected Limited which owns the 424 investment policy.

Higgs likely to reach a peak £3m bad debt Earnings per share services centre for National almost doubled. Westnamer Bank.

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Pre-tax profits of the Higgs and Hill construction and property group could top £3m for the first time ever this year. On turnover 23 per cent up at £56m in the first half of 1977, trading profits were ahead by the same percentage to £1.55m. Moreover, pre-tax profits more than doubled to £1.55m from

This was because there was no exceptional provision to be

Mr E. W. Phillips, chairmen, expects second-half profits to be "no less" than in the first. This Turnover in the United King-

gress has been made on a nomic prices, number of important projects. But with the

suffer from a "drastic reduc-tion" in construction, but in could mean f3.1m pre-tax, com-pered with lest year's peak of Although Higgs's reputation and £2.27m. the public and private sectors. maintained a high level of tendom construction activities was dering opportunities, it has better than expected Good pro- avoided taking work at aneco-

number of important projects. But with the group's "strong with record levels of output on financial position", Mr. Phillips Higgs's largest contract.

This was the management policy at present

NEB now in air cleaning

a share. This gives the NEB

Hivent specializes in the design, manufacture and instalment. The company was set up three years ago, during which time the turnover has grown

director, both just into their thirnes, lead a workforce of

Hivent has built a reputation for service and quality in design and manufacture. It prides itself on its delivery record and commissioning and after-sales service to a wide range of customers, many of whom are household names.

A dividend

Gordon & G

treat at

tourism.

The National Enterprise
Board has subscribed for 7,000
tently profitable.

Mr. Bob Bowman, chairman,
and Mr. Steve Mongan, sales

Northern

At the annual meeting, Sir Anthony Percival, chairman, told shareholders that the board intended to pay as the next interim the whole of the maximum allowed for 1977-78. This would be about 2.64p per share. It would be 10 per cent more than twice the dividend which was proposed at the

which was proposed at the meeting. Restraint is due to end after July next year. After then, the board plans to pay a second dividend of the same amount. So shareholders can expect dividends next year can expect dividends next year more than double those received in 1977. Sir Anthony added: "Even so, of course, this will only offset partially the amount by which shareholders have been deprived during these years of inflation."

The stronger level of trading profit which was a feature of 1976-77 has continued into the new year. The indications for the current year's results are 'indeed encouraging". To the end of September, the

to the end of september, are initial figures reported from the various divisions put the group "substantially above" the profits of the similar period of last year. "While rising costs remain

a threat to us all. I feel confident that this trend will continue, at least, until the early months of 1978."

The chairman said share-

holders should bear in mind that the board's policy for the past 12 years has been to try to achieve for them both the advantages of a secure invest-ment trust which can be relied on to earn regular dividends and at the same time maintain some element of underlying capital growth.

Thus the board can use the

finance-backing of these investments and properties as col-lateral for the overdrafts and loans which finance Gordon's traditional overseas trading activities and diversifications. In this way, shareholders' inBusiness appointments

The National Enterprise The company has been consis- Changes at **Engineering**

made by Northern Engineering la-dustries: Mr R. Baker 10: he fluance director; Mr W. H. Bell; managing director, Reyrolle Par-sons; Mr M. H. Bower, legal and administration director; Mr G. T. Coughtrie, managing director, overseas manufacturing; Mr T. Harrison, managing director, Clarke Chapman.

Clarke Chapman.

Mr M. J. Beer has been made manging director of B. Ellioft & Company. Mr J. W. Todd succeeds Mr Beer as chairman of the general engineering and foundries division and joins the main board as a director of B. Elliott.

Mr C. J. M. Hardie has been elected a deputy chairman of National Provident Institution.

Sir Peter Thoruton is joining the boards of Hill Sammel & Co.

Mr J. B. Newland has been elected chairman of Northern Bank and has been made a director of Midland Bank. He succeeds Mr W. L. Stephens who is retiring.

has been made executive chairman of Wallsend Slipway and Engi-

neering.
Mr D. A. Hunter Johnston has become a director and chairman of Bominion insurance Holdings, Landel Insurance Holdings and Dominion Insurance,
Mr Thomas Elsher, chief executive, has been made deputy chairman of Thomas Cook Group,

THE HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY Notice to existing and

intending investors and borrowers

Variation of Interest Rates

The Directors of The Halifax Building Society announce that the rates of interest charged to borrowers and paid to investors will be reduced as provided by the terms of this notice.

BORROWERS

The rates of interest charged on mortgage accounts will be

on mortgages now charged interest at £10.50 per cent per annum to £9.50 per cent per annum on mortgages now charged interest at £10.75 per cent per annum to £9.75 per cent per annum

Other borrowers including option mortgage borrowers will be notified individually of their new rates of interest. The new rates will apply immediately to mortgages offered on or after 26th September 1977

on and after 1st October 1977 to mortgages completed before 1st October 1977 Borrowers will be notified individually of the monthly payments they should make.

The Society will pay the undermentioned rates of interest on the tollowing kinds of investments:-

Paid-Up Shares -£6.00 per cent per annum -£5.75 per cent per annum Monthly Savings -£7.25 per cent per annum The rate of interest on Subscription Shares and on Matured

Subscription Shares will be reduced by £0.70 per cent per The new rates will apply

immediately to accounts opened on or after

1st November 1977 on and after 1st November 1977 to accounts open at the

Trinity Road Halifax

end of October 1977. The rale of interest on Term Share accounts open at the end of October 1977 will be reduced by \$0.70 percent per annum from

the end of October 1977. The rates mentioned above will not apply to investors whose investments (including shares in joint investments) exceed £15,000 or are held by a limited company corporate body or discretionary or accumulating trust. The rate of interest payable to those investors in the Paid-Up Share and Deposit

departments will be reduced by £0.75 per cent per annum. Details of the rates of interest payable on investments in other departments will be available at branches and agencies before 1st November 1977.

September 1977

Fabian call for devaluation of pound by 20pc

The pound should be devalued by at least 20 per cent, and the Government should pay off the IMF loan to encourage Sterling to fall, accord-ing to a Fabian Society pam-phlet published yesterday. Over-valuation of sterking has

been the most important single reason for Britain's economic decline since the war, say the authors, Mr Bryan Gould, Labour MP for Southampton West, and economists Mr John Mills and Mr Shaun Stewart. They argue that because

British exports have been generally neither profitable nor competitive, the United Kingdom share of world trade has steadily dropped, as investment and productivity growth have remained consistently below those in other countries,

He said our exports were not competitive or profitable enough to give us export-led growth, or sufficient invest-ment. The real economy was one of rising unemployment, stagnant production, a falling share of world trade, rising import penetration and sluggish investment. "It is producing a decline in living standards for the people we are supposed to

be representing." The pamphlet, entitled ACompetitive Pound, says a com-petitive exchange rate is the best strategy for economic re-vival. The argument that devaluation would boost prices is

grossly exaggerated. An effective devaluation of a least 20 per cent is needed to retrieve Britain from its present stagnation and decline, they

Sir Derek visits prolific' pit ir Derek Ezra, chairman of

the National Coal Board yesterday visited the coal face of Kellingley colliery near Pontefract, where the planted output is 20,000 tons a week The 300-yard coal face in the Beeston seam cost Sm to equip

and has three mining machines

which cut and load coal from the 8ft 6in thick seam. After returning to the surface, Sir Derek said production was already well under way to the designed capacity of 20,000 tons a week, which would make it the first million-tons-awear coalface in Britain.

Mary Kathleen to receive \$A20m loan

Mary Kathleen Uranium, Australia's only uranium mine has received assurances from Conzinc Riotinto of Australia and the Commonwealth Government for the provision of long term finance amounting to SA20m. Full details remain to

be agreed.
Conzinc Riotinto has assured Mary Kathleen of short term loans of up to \$A18.2m. These include amounts already outstanding, and together with the short term finance provided by the Commonwealth Government will be repayable out of the proceeds of the long term fin-

They will allow Mary Kathleen to keep the mine operating
Mary Kathleen which is 51
per cent owned by Conzinc Riotino which in turn is 72 per cent owned by RTZ recently reported on interim loss of \$A8.3m (£5.3m) compared with

Losses reduced at Grimshawe Hldgs

Grimshawe Holdings, the financial and industrial holding group, has managed substantially to cut its losses pre-tax from £391,000 to £39,000 in the year to April 30.

Turnover of this Leeds-based group rose slightly from £3.4m to £3.5m and after tax credits of £16,000 against £127,000 it has managed a profit of £39,000 compared with a loss of £108,000 for the corresponding period. This left the group with earnings a share of 4.0p, an improvement on last year's loss of 11.0p a share.

Grimshawe has stopped trad-ing in Scotland owing to the losses incurred on its outlets. There will be closure costs to be met but the annual drain on the group's resources will be stopped. Last year the Scot-tish outlets lost £79,000.

On a brighter note Acoustic Chemicals, one of Grimshawe's subsidiaries—which is a special-ist in polyurethane surface pro-tection of structures—traded profitably and recently ob-tained a contract for a project However, a blow to Grico-

however, a blow to Grimshawe has come in the form of the Inland Revenue who is pursuing a debt of £372,000 against one of the group's small but insolvent subsidiaries, Grimshawe Industrial Holdings. The tax men claim that this company made money in earlier

years.
Mr Thomas Kenny, chairman, says these "illusory" profits were not realized. The Inland Revenue may petition for the liquidation of Grimshawe Industrial Holdings. But whatever it does, Grimshaw Holdings will not support the

Spink & Son

Cachet of a St. James's address

The art world is beginning to wake up. More precisely, shares in London's quoted art and antique dealers have come alive this year. Art, for its own sake, has been one of the best infla-tion hedges this decade as fine art, coins, stamps and antiques have often proved better invest-ments than more conventional savings media over the past

But, following the much heralded quotation of Sotheby Parke Berner earlier this year, Spink & Son, the family owned numismatist and medallist, have attracted a bid.

Talks, Spink stresses, are at a very early stage and the are in progress was made to pre-empt the share surge early on Wednesday which saw the price climb from 212p to 240p. To tempt the Spink family, whose holdings combined with various trusts total more than
50 per cent of the equity, a
bidder would presumably have
to offer considerably more than the current price which would

offer a substantial premium on overseas. But ever since Sotheby last published net assets of 167p went public, competition among

per share.
The company's prominent position in the world numismatic market would demand that premium and, purely in financial terms, the lease at James's London SW1 headquarters might add further attraction. Running until 2017, the lease was last volued at £120,000 in 1962 when Spink came to the market. The situation of Spink's

offices might reveal something about the possible identity of the bidder. Stanley Gibbons, the renowned stamp dealing has been widely tipped as the interested party.
But speculation has been dampened, for the moment at

least, by the comment from Gibbone's chairman, Mr Albert Michael, that he is merely "watching developments with interest It may well be that, like so many of the lots that come under the hammer in London,

the dealers has accelerated, and Christies Invertional, which just so happens to lease much of the upper floor of Spink's premises, has been tipped to expand its range.
Word in the art world sug-

gests that the offer has been well timed. Chairman Mr Philip Spink and fellow director, Mr David Spink, have spent much of their working lives in the firm and 71-year-old David has already retired. He acts solely as a consultant. One source suggested that the family might be worried that "all their eggs are in one basket". Profits are growing strongly agam, however, and other dealers in the coin dealing busi-

ness believe that Spink's halftime figures should show substantial growth on the corresponding level of \$223,000 pretax. The results should be released shortly after the chairman comes back from holiday in 10 days time.

Ray Maughan

store for shareholders in Gor-don and Gotch Holdings, an exporter of periodicals, books and newspapers with interests in freight forwarding and

of Midland Bank. He succeeds Mr W. L. Stephens who is retiring.

Mr H. E. Gumbel has been made chairman of Willis Faber Underwriting Management and Sovereign Marine and General Insurance. Mr J. O. Frentice becomes chairman of Willis Faber & Damas (Agencies). They succeed Sir Henry Mance, who has resigned the posts in view of his recent election as president of the Chartered Insutance Institute, but retains his directorships.

Mr Anthony Fuller has, become managing director of Fuller Smith and Turner from January 1. He will succeed Major Lewis Turner, the present chairman and managing director, who will be retiring from executive duties on April 1, but remains chairman.

Mr P. Laister, managing director of Ellerman Lines, is to become chairman of Tollemache & Cobbold Breweries in succession to Mr E. L. Butler, who is also retiring as a director.

Mr J. R. Scott has been made a director of Sime Darby Holdings and becomes group chief executive on November 1.

Mr R. E. Butler, recentive and managing director of North East Coast Shiprepairers and executive chairman of Wallsend Dry Docks, has been made executive chairman of Wallsend Dry Docks, has been made executive chairman of Wallsend Slipway and Engi-

hee, has been made oppure charman of Thomas Cook Group
Mr Clifford Baylis has become a
non-executive filterior of Hariand
and Wolff.

Mr John Peters and Mr Skevos
Theodoron have joined the board
of H. Clarkson.
Mr Ian Palmer and Mr Ganter
Bahnel have joined the board of
Ina Bearing Lo (UK).

Mr Richard Henderson and Mr
Alisian Mackethise have been
nade directors of Henderson
Administration.

Dr Allan Macdonald, the Shipbuilding Industry Training board;
thief executive is retiring and
will be succeeded by Mr D. O.
Swill, secretary to the board.
Sir Peter Kent is now a director
of London and Scornish Marine
Off.

Mr R. A. Edge has been made.

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The Application List for the ordinary shares now offered for sale will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th October, 1977 and will close on the same day. A copy of this Offer for Sale, having attached thereto the documents specified below, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the issued share capital of South Crofty, Limited ("the Company") to be admitted to the Official List. "The ordinary shares in the capital of the Company now offered for sale rank in full for all dividends hereafter declared or paid on the ordinary share capital of the Company. This document contains particulars given in compliance with the Regulations of the Council of The Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information to the public with regard to the Company. The directors of the Company collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

South Crofty, Limited

Offer for Sale by Joseph Sebag & Co.

of 5,250,000 ordinary shares of 10p each at 50p per share payable in full on application

1 Share Capital and Indebtedness 1.1 SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised divided into 20,000,000 ordinary shares of 1,500,000

1.2 INDERTEDNESS

As at 14th September, 1977, the Company and its subsidiary, Great Western Ores, Limited ("Great Western Ores"), had secured borrowing of £150,000, in respect of which the Company has undertaken to indemnify Saint Firan Limited against any liability under a guarantee executed in favour of the Secretary of State for Industry, and hire purchase commitments of £66,723. The Company has created a fixed and floating charge in favour of its bankers to secure borrowings from time to time, of which none existed at that date, Apart therefrom, and from inter-company liabilities, neither the Company nor Great Western Ores had outstanding at that date any debentures, mortgages, charges, loan capital, hire purchase commitments, bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances, trade bills or acceptance credits or other similar indebtedness, or any guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

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3 Chairman's Letter

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Joseph Sebag & Co. ("Sebeg") by Mr. P. C. Buchenan, the Chairman of the Company:--29th September, 1977

The Directors, Joseph Sebag & Co. Gentlemen

In connection with your Offer for Sale of 5,250,000 ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of South Crofty, Limited ("the Company"), 1 have pleasure in providing you with the following information concerning the Company and its subsidiary, Great Western Ores, Limited ("Great Western Ores"), which are together referred to as "the Group". These shares represent 35 per cent of the Issued share capital of the Company, which is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint Piran Limited ("Seint Piren"), a public company, the share capital of which is listed on The Stock Exchange. Saint Piren has confirmed that it is its intention to retain the balance of the Issued share capital of the Company.

3.1 ACTIVITIES The Group owns and operates the South Crofty mine ("South Crofty") at Redruth, Comwall and the Wheel Pendarves mine ("Pendarves") at Camboms, Comwall, Both mines produce tin ore which is upgraded at the mill at South Crofty ("the Mill") for sale as tin

Tin mining has long been a tradition in Comwell. However, techniques for the production of tin have undergone continual technological changes. During the last ten years the Group has invested over £4.5 million to increase productivity underground and to improve recovery and capacity in the Mill. It is interesting to note that, with approximately the same number of employees, the Group's output of tin metal has risen over the last seventy years from 120 tonnes in its first year of operation to 1,545 tonnes in the year ended 31st March, 1977. Investment in modern technology has resulted in South Crofty being one of the largest underground tin mines in the world. It is with confidence that the Group is planning further capital investment for the next three years, which will be financed from within the Group's own resources, Specific projects under review include deepening the workings of both South Crofty and Pendarves with the aim of a further increase in the level of production, the installation of a system for monitoring and improving the recovery of tin in the Mill and the erection of a new engineering workshop to provide modern facilities for the maintenance of the complex machinery necessary for today's

mining methods. The Group's production of high grade tin concentrate is sold under a contract which is renegotiated annually. The current contract for the sale of all the Group's high grade tin concentrate, which constitutes about 96 per cent of the Group's the production, was awarded to Amelgamated Metal Corporation AG, of Switzerland, a company of international standing in the mining industry. This contract provides for regular prompt payments to the Group for weakly shipments of concentrate; the price being tied to the prevailing lowest of the official four prices for standard tin metal quoted on the London Metal Exchange ("LME").

Although tin has been mined in Cornwall since before Roman times, underground mining did not begin until the Middle Ages, when the mines were usually no more than shallow pits dug where the tin being veins (lodes) were found near the surface. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, mining for copper commenced and soon became the principal industry in Comwall, reaching its peak in the

middle of the mineteenth century.

At this time there was a very important discovery of a fin zone beneath the copper zone, which was then nearly worked out, in the Delegath copper mine, later to become Comwell's deepest and richest in mine. Smiler discoveries were made at East Pool. Cook's Kitchen. on paper, summer emergences were named at cost cooks rathern.
Theroft and other mines, some of which are now owned by the Group. Copper production had simest cessed by the mid-1880's, but by then

Comwall was as well known for its deep lode tin mining as it had been

This resurgence of Comish tin mining prompted the formation of the Company on 18th July, 1906 as a public company for the purpose of acquiring the mine known as South Wheal Crofty which was subsequently amalgamated with other adjacent mines.

On 15th June, 1967, Siemese Tin Syndicate Limited ("Siamese Tin") made an offer for all the issued share capital of the Company which it did not already own. This offer was accepted, the listing of the Company's shares on The Stock Exchange was cancelled and the

Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Siamese Tin A Scheme of Arrangement was effected on 31st July, 1970 under Section 206 of the Companies Act, 1948, whereby Saint Piran, which at that time was called St. Piran Mining Company Limited, acquired all the issued share capital of Siamese Tin, Subsequently the Company

became a directly owned subsidiary of Saint Piran. On 29th May, 1973, Great Western Ores, a previously dormant and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, purchased the mining leases, the fixed assets and certain other assets of Pendarves.

Since that date there has been no significant change in the capital structure or activities of the Group, save for the capital reorganisation, particulars of which are set out under Statutory and General Infor-

3.3 PROPERTY Details of the mines owned by the Group are as set out below :--



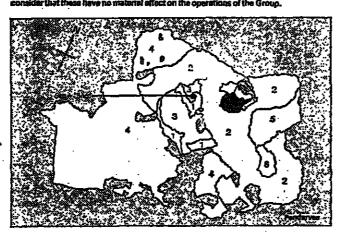
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1	Delcoath	537	Freehold	Mil	Nil	
2 .	North and South Roskear and Seton	181	60 years from 9.5,36	300	2½	
3	Did Crafty and New Cook's Kitchen	52	50 years - from 1.1.60	112.50	ł	
4	North Crofty and Trevenson	86	60 years from 1.1.60	50	4	
5 .	East Seton	41	60 years from 1.1.60	50	4	
5	Penhellick and North Tingreft	44	60 years from 1.1.88	56.25	4	
7	Dodusace	17 -	60 years from 1.1.60	5.25	4	
	Penbellick Vena	21	60 years from 1.1.60	12.50	4	
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10	Agar	324	60 years from 1.1.60	50	31	

Notes: 1. Royalties are calculated on the temover attributable to each mining lesse.
Minimum rems are payable only when and to the extent that such tems exceed the

coyatry payable.
2. The Company owns 19 scree of nearby surface land not included in the above table, not assential to the mining operations.

3. The Company has been granted an option by South Crofty Properties Limited to equive certain land edjacent to the Group's properties at an appropriate consideration equal to £103.999.

uel to £103,999. 4. The Company is also liable for surface and Wayleave rant and royalties with spect to spollary operations, which amounted to £2,300 for the querter ended in 5. There are certain imperiections to the title of the land marked*, but the directors



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1	Penderves (Forestry)	109	21 years from 30.9.69	650	4
2* .	Pandarves	1,298	42 years from 25.12.66	1,500	33
3 .	Pendarves (Powning)	225	24 years from 1.4.57	200	33 .
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only)	surface)	28	Freehold	Nil	Nil
4	Clowance	1,717	42 years Trap 25.3.67	4,008	3
5	Granville	190	21 years from 1.1.66	100	2‡
£+	Chycerns	52	42 years from 1,8.70	190	3;
7	Toleames	92	21 years from 4,4,67	117	31

Notes: 1. Royalties are calculated on the turnover attributable to each misting lease.

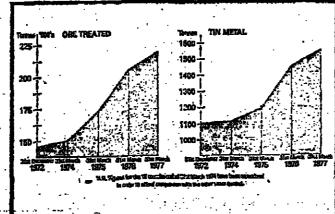
Minimum reals are payable only when and to the extent that such reals exceed the 2. A lease is currently being negotiated for 110 acres of fiver bad and adjacent land for a term of 14 years from 1st January, 1977 at a minimum rent of £3,000 per annum, with royalties at 4%.

3. Greet Western Ores is also liable for wayleave rent and royalties with respect to ancillary operations, which amounted to £346 for the quarter ended in June, 1977.

4. With regard to the land cross-hatched on the map above, the lease extends only

5. There are consin imperfections to the titls of the land marked*, but the directors hat these have no material effect on the operations of the Group.

3.4 GROUP PRODUCTION



3.5 ORE RESERVES

As at 31st March, 1977, the Group's ore reserves, excluding the Group's stock of broken ore, according to the report of Mackey and Schnellmann Limited, were as follows:-

1. Demonstrated reserves Measured ore 317,834 tonnes of tin ore with an average grade of

Indicated one 676,765 tonnes of tin ore with an average grade of

1.69%Sr. inferred reserves

Inferred ore of the order of 1,250,000 tonnes. The terminology "demonstrated", "measured", "indicated" and "inferred" is used according to the United States Bureau of Mines" internationally accepted classification of reserves, which may be summarised as follows :-

Demonstrated a collective term for the sum of the measured and indicated reserves or resources.

Measured ore ore reserves for which tonnage is computed from measured dimensions and for which the grade is computed from the results of detailed sampling. Indicated one one reserves for which tomage and grade are com-

puted partly from specific measurements and sa and partly from projection for a reasonable distance on ore reserves for which quantitative estimates are based Inferred ora

largely on broad knowledge of the geological character of the deposit and for which there are few, if any,

Details of the Group's production and other relevant statistics for the period from 1st January, 1972 to 31st March, 1977, are as follows:-

	Year aded 31st December 1872	15 moeths ended 31st March 1974	Year ended 31st March 1975	Year ended 31st March 1975	ended 31st Mesch
Ore treated—tomes	745,080	187,712	172,551	205,371	218,888
Preduction of tin metal-tonnes	1,106	1,378	7,184	1.453	1.545
Development—metres	5,142	6.173	4,708	2,588	4,594
Percentage payability	38,80	34.00	42.00	45.88	38.00
Diamano drilling—metre: Working costs—£ par	1,996	1,397	2,245	1,915	1,571
tonne treated LME everage tin price:	9.79	11.47	16.09	17.30	20.58
£ per tonne	7,506	2.218	3,469	3,125	4,891

Notes: 1. The above statistics include Penderves from 1st June, 1973, after its e by Greet Western Ores. ercontage payability is that percentage of development metreage which, after

indicates the presence of tin at an economic grade. mond drilling is the drilling for cores of rock which are examined to provide n on the structure and value of distant lodes.

The reserves of South Crofty and Pendarves are established by crosscutting from the shafts on each level of the mines to the tin bearing lodes. Drives are then developed along the lodes. Crosscuts and drives are tunnels about eight feet wide mined by drilling a pattern of holes, usually eight feet in length, into which explosive is packed and blested. When sampling shows that 40 metres of continuous lode is found to have economic values in drives on two consecutive levels, the block of ground between the levels, containing the nearly vertical fin lode, is scheduled as a measured reserve block for future mining.

Before working a reserve block, an incline tunnel (raise) is made to link the two drives of the block. The raise is used to prove further the economic value of the block and to provide ventilation. The miners can then start to extract (stope) the tin-bearing ore contained in the reserve block. The reserve block is worked either from the upper level downwards (underhand stoping) or from the lower level upwards (overhand stoping) or a combination of both. In overhand stoping, the miner stands on ore previously broken to progress up the stope. Since broken ore is approximately one third greater in volume than unbroken ore, the surplus ore has to be drawn out of the stope daily in order to maintain sufficient space in which the miner can work.

The broken are on each level is taken from the stopes and trammed. using small electric locomotives with up to eight trucks, to an ore pass through which it is dropped to the bottom level of the mine. On the bottom level of South Crofty, larger locomotives, using two-tonne trucks, transport the ore through the newly completed main haulageway to Cook's Shaft where it is crushed before being hoisted for milling. At South Crofty two underground crushers have been installed to ensure continuous production. At Pendarves the crushing process is carried

3.8 MILLING TECHNIQUES

In the last ten years, the Company has invested in a new crushing and heavy media separation plant and two additional mills. Key items of machinery have been duplicated so that production is not impaired when such items are undergoing scheduled maintenance. The construction of a mineral recovery system to process sand residues and mineral dump deposits has been completed. In addition, 5,000 tonnes of extra ore storage capacity has been added. The Mill is now capable of treating 250,000 tonnes of ore per year.

Ore from Pendarves is transported by road to South Crofty, a distance of two and a half miles. This are and the are from South Crofty is fed by conveyor belt into the Mill where it undergoes a series of crushing, washing and grinding stages to liberate the tin from granite

The first stage of crushing reduces the ore to a size of less than 20 millimetres which is fed into the heavy media separation plant where it is mixed with ferrostlicon and water to produce sturry. This slurry is dense enough to cause the light ore with its low tin content to float. About 40 per cent of the ore floats and is discarded and the remaining ore is thereby upgreded from an average of 1.0 per cent tin to 1.7 per

The second stage consists of grinding the ore to reduce it to a fine sand in the rod mills. This product is classified into six different sizes and is fed on to riffled vibrating tables. The lighter waste materiels (tailings) are washed off and are discarded, after sampling, while the heavy tin-bearing ore (concentrate) is vibrated along the table to the end where it is discharged and pumped to the flotation plant for the removal of unwanted sulphide minerals.

The tables also produce low grade tin concentrates (middlings) which are ground finer in the ball mills and then retabled to produce further concentrates and tailings.

The tin concentrates from the flotation plant are retabled, dried and fed into magnetic separators for the removal of iron and wolfram. They are then bagged and sold.

3.9 MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

Directorate

Mr. P. C. Buchanan, aged 64, has been a director of the Company since 1965 and was appointed Chairman on 27th July, 1976. He has had over 30 years' experience in industry and commerce in Cornwall and the South West and was a director of UBM Group Limited until his reprement in 1973. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Cornwall and from 1973 to 1975 was President of the National Federation of Builders and Plumbers Merchants.

Mr. G. C. Pengilly, aged 52. graduated from the Camborne School of Mines in 1945. He spent 17 years overseas in the mining industry, mainly in West Africa. He joined the Company in 1963, became a director in 1973 and was appointed managing director on 1st July, 1975. Mr. Pengilly has entered into a service agreement with the Company, details of which are set out under Statutory and General

Mr. J. B. Hooper, aged 66, who was managing director of Tehidy Minerals Limited, joined the board on 17th May, 1974. Mr. Hooper is a graduate of the Camborne School of Mines and has had many years' experience in mining both abroad and in Cornwall.

Mr. H. R. M. Hodding, eged 49, who is a director of Saint Piran, graduated from the Camborne School of Mines in 1949. After tin mining in Malaysia for 25 years, he returned to England and was appointed a director of the Company on 17th May, 1974.

Mr. P. B. Adie, aged 33, who is managing director of Saint Piran, joined the board on 20th May, 1976. He graduated from Oxford University in 1965 and after 10 years' industrial and commercial experience with IBM and other companies, he joined Saint Piran in

Senior Management Mr. P. F. Goram ACSM CEng FIMM, aged 49, joined the Company as underground manager in 1973 after over 20 years in the mining industry, mainly in South America. He has recently been appointed

Mr. C. Arthur ACSM, aged 34, joined the Company as mill manager in 1975 after 12 years' experience specialising in mineral processing in the mining industry.

Mr. C. J. Dungey ACSM CEng MIMM, aged 35, joined Pendarves in 1969 and is now manager of Pendarve

Mr. W. D. Kneebone ACCA, aged 39, joined the Company in 1974. He is now commercial manager and company secretary. Mr. W. A. S. M. Underhill, aged 56, joined the Company in 1976 as engineering manager. He has spent his working life in the engineering industry and has wide experience in the installation and maintenance of

mining plant and machinery. Mr. R. H. Stapleton MAMEME FIMH AIMM MMES, aged 65, joined the Company in 1959 as chief engineer after over 20 years in the mining industry spent mainly in India. He is now consultant projects

The Group employs approximately 670 people.

The efficient running of the Group depends upon a close understanding between the management and trade unions. These unions include the Transport & General Workers' Union, the Union of Construction, Allied Trades & Technicians, the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Association of Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Staff. In addition to meetings with trade union representatives, the management regularly meets the Works' Councils.

Employees are encouraged to attend courses at the Comwall Technical College and the Camborne School of Mines. Practical training of new employees is provided within each department.

The implementation of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974 requires regular reviews of procedures by safety committees, which have been set up within each section. They report to the Comish Tin Mines Joint Accident Prevention Committee. The working of the mines is governed by comprehensive Statutory Regulations under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954 and by standards laid down by the Company. Trained teams of rescue personnel are on hand at South Crofty and Pendaryes for emergency rescue work. Trained first-aid men are available for each working level in the mines and in each section of the surface works to deal with accidents, Additional first-aid facilities are in

3.10 PROSPECTS

Tin is a metal vital to modern industry, it is used in bronze and pewter, in tin plate and foil, in electrical goods and solders, for engine bearings and pistons, in the making of float glass and for the strengthening of plastics. The continuing demand for tin provides a strong base for the future prosperity of the Group.

The directors consider that the principal factors determining the fitability of the Group are enco under the headings of Reserves, Production, Labour and Tin Price, as

It is essential that demonstrated tin reservés are found and developed at the same rate as existing reserves are depleted. South Crofty

Apart from the normal development of lodes on existing working levels, there are four major areas for further development as Dolcoath Recent development from Cook's Shaft has opened up

reserves on the Dolcoath North lode on four levels. At each of these

levels crosscuts are planned in the near future to intersect the Tincraft An abnormally wide structure of above average grade ore has recently been mined on two levels and development has already commenced on a third level, It is possible that this rich tin lode extends to three higher levels in the mine and crosscuts to the

lode from such levels are under consideration.

Tolgus In 1920, an intersection from adjacent mine workings was made with a wide lode structure which was reported to be of above average grade. Due to the closure of that mine shortly thereafter, caused by a collapse of the old shaft, further development in the area ceased. Development from a different direction towards this intersection through South Crofty workings is now at an advanced stage, but has been temporarily suspended whilst safety pre-

Deepening of the mine The present bottom level of the mine indicates payable ore (ore containing tin of an economic grade) existing at a deeper level. Whilst lateral development on existing levels of the mine is anticipated to yield substantial future reserves, plans are well advanced and preliminary work already commenced to sink a subvertical shaft from the bottom level of the mine to open up two more working levels. It is anticipated that the downwards extensions of the No. 2, No. 4, No. 9 and other lodes in the central area of the mine will yield valuable new reserves. Pendarves

The directors consider that there are valid geological reasons for believing that payable ore will be discovered in the two main lode structures below the present bottom level of the mine. This belief is based upon production from other mines known to have worked these lode structures at a greater depth than presently worked at Pendarves. However, it is necessary to develop the bottom level of the mine to provide sufficient evidence to support the geological projections before capital expenditure is committed for deepening Pendarves a further two levels. At the same time, exploratory diamond drilling to the north of existing workings will continue with the intention of locating a new lode structure.

Mining has been planned to undertake the necessary development and exploration whilst maintaining production.

Recent investment in underground rolling stock, ore passes, waste passes, duplicate crushing facilities and improvements to the main haulageway for ore on the bottom level of South Crofty has been effected to assist in maintaining the upward trend in production. Improvements to plant and machinery in the Mill are continually being made to increase tin recovery.

There is a high level of unemployment in the Camborne and Redruth

area of Cornwall. The Group is able to recruit adequate labour to

sustain output from the mines. By maintaining appropriate rates of pay

and satisfactory working conditions for employees, no labour shortages are anticipated which would adversely affect plans to continue increasing production.

Tin is a commodity, the price of which is subject to market fluctuation. In an appreciation of the likely trend of tin metal prices, it is essential to recognize that world markets are currently dominated by two organisations: the International Tin Council (ITC) and the

General Services Administration of the United States of America (GSA). The ITC is an international organisation and its function is to keep tin prices within a predetermined range. Both producers and consumers are members of the ITC and decisions are reached by agreement between these two groups. Control of tin prices is exercised by trading tin metal from a buffer stock within a predetermined price range. The floor price is the most important level of the price range and is designed to provide a minimum price for tin on which to base investment and operating decisions. The buffer stock price ranges are now reviewed regularly, using working costs provided by producer countries. The ITC is due to meet early in 1978 and it is considered likely that producer countries will press for substantial increases in the buffer stock prices.

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The ITC receives compulsory contributions from the producer countries and voluntary contributions from consumer countries. The Buffer Stock Manager buys tin into his stockpile to support the floor price and sells tin when the price rises, to defend the ceiling price. At present the tin metal price is substantially above the buffer stock price ranges of Malaysian ringgits 1,200-1,500 per picul (equivalent to £4,636-£5,795 per tonne at an exchange rate of 4.28 ringgits to £1). Therefore the ITC currently has little, if any, stocks of tin and its powers to restrict fluctuations in the price of tin are thereby limited.

As a last resort, the ITC can require export controls to be imposed. if the floor price is severely threatened, thus limiting the production of tin metal by producer countries. The United Kingdom does not qualify as a producer country and tin restrictions, if imposed, would not materially affect the Group's production or sales.

The other major organisation which influences the tin metal price is the GSA, the controlling authority for American stockpiled materials, but it can sell tin only with the approval of Congress. During the course of the Korean War, the GSA accumulated about 350,000 tonnes of tin metal stocks, of which during the last 14 years over 145,000 tonnes have been sold. By virtue of its ability to release further stocks of tin metal on the world markets, the GSA may be able in the short term to regulate tin metal prices to a greater extent than the ITC.

From the statistical viewpoint, tin is in short supply. Production and consumption statistics show that since 1960 there has been a shortfall in production of a total of 218,000 tonnes of tin metal. However sales by the GSA have lessened the effect of the shortfall and have been a major influence on tin metal prices during the period.

It is believed that the deficit between supply and demand will continue. The effect of continuing deficits is likely to lead to higher tin prices on world markets, which will be to the benefit of the Group. Though in the past the Group has sold tin on the forward market, this practise was discontinued in December, 1976, and it is not now the Group's policy to make forward sales.

3.11 PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS

As you will see from section 5 of the Accountants' Report, the profits of the Group have risen substantially. The Group is currently experiencing favourable trading conditions. The directors have made the following principal assumptions in preparing their profit forecast for the year ending 31st March, 1978:-

- 1. The Group's present composition, management and commercial and accounting policies will remain unchanged.
- 2. There will be no material changes in legislation or regulations affecting the Group's activities or the markets within which it operates or in the bases or rates of taxation.
- 3. No major stoppages caused by mechanical failure or labour disputes will significantly affect production, 4. Adequate provision has been made for both known and antici-
- pated increases in labour and material costs. 5. There will be no external restriction on the output and sales of
- tin concentrate. 6. Payability (as referred to in the notes to 3.6) will be not less than
- 35%. 7. There will be no forward sales of tin.
- 8. The average price of tin metal from 1st September, 1977 which determines the price of concentrates produced by the Group, will be £5.900 per tonne.

On the basis of the above the directors forecast that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the profits of the Group attributable to shareholders in the Company for the year ending 31st March, 1978 will be not less than £2,000,000, before taxation and extraordinary items. It is therefore the directors' intention to declare an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1978 of 1.65p per share (16.5 per cent) payable in or about February 1978 and to recommend a final dividend for that year of 2,475p per share (24,75 per cent) payable in or about August 1978 which, together with the associated tax credits, assuming ACT at 34 per cent, would be equivalent to a gross distribution of 6.25p per share (62,5 per cent).

On the above basis the dividend would be covered 1.55 times by profits after taxetion and, at the offer price of 50p per share, the ordinary shares being offered for sale would show a dividend yield of 12.5 per cent. Yours faithfully.

P. C. BUCHANAN, Chairman

4 Geological and Mining Consultants' Report

The following is a copy of a report from Mackay and Schnellmann Limited, geological and mining consultants.

Lincoln House, 296/302, High Holborn London WC1V7JJ

The Directors, South Crofty, Limited The Directors, Joseph Sebag & Co.

29th September, 1977

Gentlemen

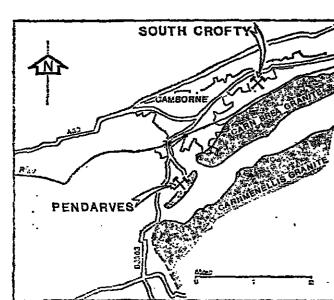
You have instructed us to report on the mining operations at South Crofty and Pendarves.

1.01 In the course of the preparation of this report, we have visited the mines at South Crofty and Pendarves and we have been afforded full access to all the books and records kept of the operations conducted there. We have also inspected all those aspects of the operations which we considered relevant from the geological work through to the production of tin concentrates, including reference to the essential component costs through to the sale of the concentrate. We have also carried out such check sampling as we have considered necessary.

2.00 GENERAL

2.10 Location, History and Geology

2.11 The properties which are the subject of this report are known as South Crofty Mine which is situated at Redruth, Cornwall, and Wheal Pendaryes Mine which is situated at Camborne, Comwall.



2.12 South Crofty has been in production as a tin mine since the last century. There has been a mine at Pendarves since about the same date. although the present shaft and operations are relatively new, having commenced production in 1967.

2.13 South Crofty and Pendarves lie respectively within the northern margins of the Carn Brea and Carnmenellis granites (Figure 1) in

2.20 Mineralisation

2.21 Cassiterite and wolframite, which are tin and tungsten bearing minerals respectively, are to be found at South Crofty and Wheal Pendarves in a series of subparallel high dipping lode structures on an east-north-east strike traversing both the granites and country rocks. which are locally known as 'killas'. A series of north-north-west striking cross courses are also present but are generally barren of economic mineralisation.

2.22 At South Crofty there are some twenty lodes which are known to exist, but at Pendarves there are two main lodes which are worked.

2.23 The mineralogy of South Crofty and the mineralogy of Pendarves are similar; any significant differences are caused by the effect of weathering at Pendarves. Gangue and associated minerals in the mines include quartz, tourmaline, chlorite, haematite, chalcopyrite, arsenopyrite, fluorite and pyrite.

230 Sampling

2.31 At both mines chip semples are taken at regular intervals in the development headings and backs of stopes. At South Crofty the heading sampling interval is 3 metres whilst at Pendarvés a 2 metre interval is normal. At each sampling location the different rock types are sampled separately.

2.32 After crushing and splitting, the samples are analysed with a portable isotope fluorescence instrument, by atomic absorption spectrophotometry or by wet chemical methods in the South Crofty laboratory. Analysis of individual samples by more than one method maintains a continuous chack on the results.

2.40 Reserves

2.41 Underground sampling results are the basis on which reserves are calculated by accepted methods of the mining industry. Unworked blocks are based on samples taken from development headings, whilst partially stoped-out blocks take note of stope samples.

2.42 Demonstrated reserves

Measured ore: -317,834 tonnes of tin ore with an average grade of 1.96%Sn. There is a 95% probability that the actual tonnage of tin ore lies within limits of plus or minus 6.3% and that the actual grade lies within limits of plus or minus 8.2%.

Indicated ore: -676,765 tonnes of tin ore with an average grade of

2.43 In addition there is Interred ore of the order of 1,250,000 tonnes. This is not included in the Demonstrated reserves. At South Crofty the Inferred ore, apart from a small block above the 260 fathorn level, is assumed to lie in a block below the 360 fathom level between 300 metres south and 600 metres north of Robinson's Shaft, to a depth of 145 metres, over a strike length of 1,650 metres. At Pendarves the Inferred ore is assumed to lie in a rectangular block below the 5 level to a depth of 121 metres, over a strike length of 2,050 metres.

2.44 The above terms Measured, Indicated, Demonstrated and Interred are used according to the United States Bureau of Mines" internationally accepted classification of reserves, which defines them

"Measured—Reserves or resources for which tonnage is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings, and drill holes and for which the grade is computed from the results of detailed sampling. The sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape, and mineral content are well established. The computed tonnage and grade are judged to be accurate within limits which are stated, and no such limit is judged to be different from the computed tonnage or grade by more than 20 percent.

Indicated-Reserves or resources for which tonnage and grade are computed partly from specific measurements, samples, or production data and partly from projection for a reasonable distance on geologic evidence. The sites available for inspection, measurement, and sampling are too widely or otherwise inappropriately spaced to permit the mineral bodies to be outlined completely or the grade established

Demonstrated-A collective term for the sum of measured and

inferred-Reserves or resources for which quantitative estimates are based largely on broad knowledge of the geologic character of the deposit and for which there are few, if any, samples or measurements. The estimates are based on an assumed continuity or repetition, of which there is geologic evidence; this evidence may include comparison with deposits of similar type. Bodies that are completely concealed may be included if there is specific geologic evidence of their presence. Estimates of inferred reserves or resources should include a statement of the specific limits within which the intered material may lie."

2.45 In our opinion, the economic life of South Crofty and Penderves is not restricted by the time which will be taken to extract the Demonstrated reserves. It is common for such underground lode mines to have Demonstrated reserves which would support production for no more than 2 or 3 years, as it is generally accepted that the development costs of proving a much greater quantity of Demonstrated reserves cannot be justified in terms of capital expenditure.

2.46 The history, geology and mineralisation of the mineral province of which South Crofty and Pendarves form a part justify a projection of a working life of at least ten years and probably longer.

3.00 MINING

3.11 At South Crofty, ore and waste are hoisted from the underground. crushing plant through Cook's Shaft in skips to the surface. Robinson's Shaft is used for carrying men and materials. Two other main shafts serve merely for ventilation.

3.12 Pendarves is served by Simms' Shait, one compartment of which is used for hoisting of skips containing ore and another for men, aterials and cars of waste rock. A second access provides ventilation and an emergency exit.

3.20 Development

3.21 Cross-cuts have been driven from the shalls across the veins of have been driven. At South Crofty, there are currently six working levels, the lowest of which is at 380 fathoms below datum. A subvertical shaft is projected from the 360 down to the 440 fathorn level.

3.22 Pendarves has six working levels, the lowest of which is at 290 metres below datum. The deepening of the shaft to approximately 370 metres below datum is under consideration.

330 Stoping

3.31 Ore is extracted by the methods known as overhand and underhand shrinkage stoping, except where circumstances permit the use of a long hole drilling method. Minimum stoping width is 1 metre.

3.32 A production of 242,000 tonnes run of mine are per year is projected by 1981 from South Crofty. In the absence of a decision to deepen the shaft, a production of 39,000 tonnes run of mine ore per year is projected at Pendaryes for the period during which 6 level is under development. In addition, tin bearing material is recovered from tailings and is fed back to the mill.

- 3.40 Dilution and Mining Recovery
- 3.41 Dilution due to overbreaking is estimated to be 20-25%. 3.42 Unmined pillers will give a mining recovery of approximately 88%.
- 3.50 Underground Transport and Hoisting

3.51 Ore at South Crofty is drawn from the stopes from chutes (or drawpoints) and hauled by locomotive drawn mine cars to the ore/ waste pass system, whence it gravitates to the 360 and 380 underground crusher levels...

3.52 Development ore is loaded in to cars and also transported to the crusher by the ore pass system. Where it cannot be stowed in old workings, waste is for the most part similarly transported and crushed.

3.53 The crushed material is raised in 6 tonne skips loaded from 6 tonne measuring pockets.

3.54 At Pendarves the ore is raised in a 5 tonne skip from 117m and 245m below collar level and crushed on the surface, whilst waste is hoisted in mine cars in the cage.

3.61 Apart from improvement and replacement of plant and machinery, the major capital project is the projected sub-vertical shaft at South Crofty (paragraph 3.21 above), for which preparation is in hand and which should be completed within two years.

3.70 Pumping

3.71 Water enters the South Crofty workings at a rate of approximately 1,500 gallons per minute (gpm). At Pendarves the rate varies from about 500 to 1,100 gpm.

3.72 The pumping capacity at South Crofty is about 2,800 gpm and at Pendarves about 1,800 gpm.

4.00 MILLING

4.01 Broadly speaking the process scheme is gravity concentration of an orthodox type for tin ores i.e. table concentration with a primary heavy media separation treatment ahead of the tables to preconcentrate a major fraction of the ore and reject a low grade tailing in as large a percentage of the total weight as possible.

4.02 For the year ended 31st March, 1977:---

Millhead grade averaged 0.97%Sn.

Concentrate grades ran 55.21%Sn and 17.35%Sn for high and low grade concentrates respectively. The mill recovered an average of 71.62% of the tin contained in the ore

4.03 The mill comprises three discrete circuits which are considered

to provide a high degree of security against stoppages due to excessive maintenance work or breakdowns.

5.00 SERVICES

5.01 Electric power is supplied from the national grid by two separate points of supply. A stand-by generator is to be installed shortly to assist exit of personnel in emergencies.

5.02 An adequate compressed air supply is available, a new plant having been installed in 1974.

5.03 Process water is drawn from underground workings and nearby . A: ACCOUNTING POLICIES: streams.

6.00 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

6.01 At the beginning of each financial year, a detailed budget for the coming twelve month period is produced, showing projected production, costs, capital expenditure and cash flow.

6.02 Each month the Company prepares statistics comparing actual performances with budgeted figures, and a monthly financial statement also is prepared to analyse actual costs against budgeted costs."

7.00 SMELTER CONTRACTS

7.01 The greater part of the tin produced is currently sold as a high grade concentrate to Amalgamated Metal Corporation AG, Zug, Switzerland under a contract renegotiated annually.

7.02 Low grade concentrates are sold to Capper Pass & Son Limited under a contract which is subject to more frequent review.

Yours faithfully

MACKAY AND SCHNELLMANN LIMITED M. REYNOLDS

5 Accountants' Report

The following is a copy of a report from Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co., Chartered Accountants, the auditors of the Company and reportingaccountants.

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7 Tavistock Square

Exeter EX1 11F London WC1H9LS The Directors South Crofty, Limited The Directors 29th September, 1977 Joseph Sebag & Co.

 We have examined the audited accounts of South Crofty. Limited ("the Company") and of its subsidiary Great Western Ores, Limited ("Great Western Ores") for the period relevant to this report; we have acted as auditors of the Company and Great Western Cres since 1stApril.1974.

2. Throughout the periods relevant to this report the Company has been a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint Piran Limited ("Saint Piran") and Great Western Ores has been a wholly owned subsidiary of the

3. The information set out below is based on the audited accounts of the Company and Great Western Ores, hereinafter called "the Group", after making such adjustments as we consider appropriate. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. including the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the standards approved by the accountancy bodies currently in force, with the exception that stocks of tin concentrate, as stated in 4 (c) below, are valued by reference to subsequent net sales procee Whilst this method of valuing stocks is not in accordance with the relevant standard accounting practice, the directors are of the opinion that it is preferable to continue the previous practice having regard to the reasons given in 4 (c) below; we concur with this view. In our opinion the information gives, under the accounting convention stated above, a true and fair view of the profits and losses and source and application of funds of the Group for the five years and three months ended 31st March, 1977 and of the state of affairs of the Company at 31st March, 1977 and of the Group at 31st December, 1971 and 1972 and at 31st March for each of the years 1974 to 1977.

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The following are the principal accounting policies adopted in adviving at the financial information set out in this report

(a) Consolidation

The Group accounts include the results and assets and tabilities of the Company throughout the periods relevant to this report and of Great Western Ores from 1st June, 1973, on which date itrecommenced trading.

(b) Fixed Assets

(i) : Mining properties:

Mining properties of Great Western Ores and up to 31st March, 1975, mining properties of the Company are stated at cost. less depreciation. Mining properties of the Company at 31st March. 1976 and 31st March, 1977 are stated at amounts based on valuations made by Mackay and Schnellmann Limited (see 6 Note (d) below). The surpluses arising as a result of the valuations made by Mackey and Schoollmann Limited have been transferred to reserves.

With the exception of short-term expenditure, mining properties have been depreciated at 5% per annum on cost. Short-term expenditure, which includes non-productive development and exploration costs, is depreciated in full as incurred.

(ii) Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are depreciated at appropriate rates on a straight-line basis to write off the cost over their expected useful

(iii) Deferred revenue expenditure.

Deferred revenue expenditure of Great Western Ores, being the running costs of mine working before it became productive, was written off over three years from 1st July, 1978.

(iv) Investment and regional development grants:

"Investment and regional development grants receivable are placed to the investment and regional development grams account; transfers from this account to the profit and loss account are made at the same rate as the relevant assets are depreciated.

(c) Stocks

Stocks of his concentrate are valued by reference to the subsequent net sales proceeds as each year's output is sold under contract to smelters. The difference between the cost value and net sales proceeds of stocks at the year end is normally immaterial in relation to the profits of the year and net assets, but at 31st March, 1977 the use of a cost basis of valuation would have been of greater significance because of the high volume of stock held at that date. This does not constitute sufficient grounds, in the view of the directors, to make a change in accounting policy in order to value stock at cost in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9.

(d) Deferred taxetion

The amount set aside for deferred taxation represents the estimated taxation charge deferred by capital allowances on fixed assets other than mining properties and by allowances for increases in stock values less advance corporation tex.

Mining properties are fundamental to the continuation of the mines; therefore no provision has been made for any tax liability which might asse if the mining properties were sold at the amount at which they are stated in the accounts since, in the opinion of the directors, this is unlikely to arise in the foreseeable future. The amounts set aside in the accounts for the periods ended up to and including 31st. March, 1976 for defened taxation on mining properties, including taxation relating to the valuation taken up to the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1976, have been

	Notes	Year ended 31.12.72 £*000	15 months ended 31,3,74 £000	000°E	Year ended 31.3.76 £'000	Year code: 31.3.77 £'000
Tumover	(b)	1.570	2,961	3.501	4,135	6,684
Cost of sales after charging / (crediting) : Depreciation Grants Interest payable	 	253 (57) 22	435 (97) 48	334 (59) 67	468 (97) 87	698 (144) 81
		1,648	2,456	3.118	4,004	5,145
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(c)	(78) (41)	505 249	383 170	18f 34	1,539 709
Profit/(loss) after texarion, before extraordinary items. Extraordinary items, less texation	(d)	(37)	256 (31)	213 104	97	830
Profit/(loss) atmbutable to shareholders Dividends	(e)	- (37)	225	317 - 40	97 2	830 493
Retained profit/(loss)		(37)	225	277	95	- 337
Earnings/(loss) per share	(1)	(0.25p)	1.71p	1.42p	0.65p	5.53

 Losses on forward sales contracts. In previous years the Group sold fin in the forward market and inclined 	net deferred t
losses in so doing. This practice has been discontinued and the losses h	
been reversed in arriving at the figures reported above, as they no lon	
form part of the Group's normal trading activities. The net losses incut were as follows:—	1973
Not Income Tay thereon I neces after to	9 1974

	•		at 52%		
		£'000	£'000.		£'000
1972				. •	·
1973/74	•	415	216		199
1974/75	<u>.</u> -	99	51	:	48
1975/76	:			11	
1976/77	• '	8	4	-	4
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ed to the basis which has been agreed for the future, namely at £5,000 paryear.

6. BALANCE SHEETS

(iii) Depreciation of mining properties.
In the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1977 depreciation of mining properties was charged at 5% on the valuation at 31st March, 1976. The directors have decided that in future mining properties will be revalued at intervals of not more than five years and more frequently if circumstances warrant and that adjustments to the revaluation surplus will be transferred to and from reserves; meanwhile depreciation on mining properties, with the exception of short-term expenditure which is depreciated in full as incurred, will be charged at 5% on the original cost only. The figure for depreciation for the year ended 31st March, 1977 reported above has been reduced by £83,000 to reflect the policy to be adopted in

deferred taxation,	on the adjusted result		llows:
, , ,	Corrent £'000	Deferred	Total
	2000	£'000	Σ,000
197 <u>2</u>		(41)	(41)
1973/74		. 249	249
1974/75		. 176	170
1975/76		34.	34
1976/77	28	681	709
(d) Extraordinary	izems were as follows	::-	
•	and the second of the first		£'000
	respecting expenditu		
1974/75 P	rofit on sale of land, m	winly to a follow su	peidiary
CH CH	ompany .		104
(e) The rates of c	lividend per share pa		
AVE YEARS and TIME	se months ended 31:	er Weich, (A// Su	g the number of

charge/(cradit) for taxation represents comoration tax, are being

shares on which dividends were paid were as follows Rate of dividends per share Number of IN DONC shares 1,131,895 1973/74 1,131,898 1974/75 1,131,896 0.14 1975/76 1.131.896 5.55 37.99 1976/77 1,131,896

Earnings/(loss) per share have been calculated:— on 15,000,000 ordinary shares in Issue at the date of this report:

(ii) on the adjusted profit/(loss) of each period after textulon but before taking into account extraordinary items.

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The Company		Notes			The G	מתסו		
31.3.77 £'000	a reference		31.1271 £000	31.1272 £000	31.3.74 £000	21,3.75 £000	31.3:76 €000	31:3:77 £'000
200 7,084	Capital employed Share capital Reserves	(a)	200 518	200 493	200 478	200 549	200 2,800	200 6,917
7,284			718	693	678	849	2,800	7,137
457 829	Investment and regional devolopment grants Defenred taxation Term loan	(c) (b)	523 · 38	511 6	465 48	471 172 150	465 182 150	490 829 150
8,570			1,279	1,210	1,191	1,642	3,597	8,586
7,938	Employment of capital Fixed assots Group companies	(d)	2,045	1,945	1,348	1,915	3,837	8.134
241	Investment in Great Western Ores Amounts due from Saint Pirar	(e)	-					
(659)	and fellow subsidianes Amounts due to Saint Piran and fellow subsidianes		(818)	(705)	(668)	. (516)	(550)	(559)
255	Current assets		(818)	(856)	(668)	(176)	95	- 14
972 276 102	Stocks of concentrate Stores and spares Debtors	· · · · · · · ·	31 111 122	19 120 118	127 176 736	86 252 276	136 337 359	972 369 102
118	Taxation recoverable Grants receivable Bank balances and cash		104 216 2	41 2 301	78	133	92 3	154
1,472 9,665			586 1,813	1,591	1.120 2.300	751 2.490	927 4,859	7,601 3,749
	Current liabilities	• •	,,,,,,	1,001	2000	errou.		
977 18 9	Creditors Advance corporation tax Taxation Eank oveidraft (secured)		325	155	481 622	335 	612	1,045 13 96
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المعلق المنافعة المن المنافعة المنافعة المن	NOTES (a) Resence profits/(losses) retained by the Group and other amounts added to or deducted from reserves are: Reserves and undistributed profits at beginning of period Retrined profits/(torses)	£'000 -518	£'000 493	£'000	£'000 649	£'000 2,600
العلولان : العلولان ي عرف المراجع	Retained profits/(losses) as adjusted for the period as reported in (5) above (Charges)/cradits which will not arise in future less twention (see below)	(37)	225	277	95	337
'	Surplus on revaluation of mining properties	12.	(240)	(108)	(22) 1,878	(28) 4,008
care of comment and to a	Reserves and undistributed profits at end of period Since the adjustments described to Notes 5 (s) (i) and (ii) relate to	493	478	649	2,600	6,917
	Source and Application of Funds statements; the adjustment to depreciation of mining properties for the year ended 31st March, 1977, described in Note 5 (a) (iii) is inflected in a described of 500 and in the control of 500 an	provision h properties \ In the opin if mining pr	as been made for were sold at the ion of the direct coordes were s	as accounting policy or any tax liability whi amount at which they tors, the additional tax old at the amount at w	ch might arise / are stated in t : Rability which high they ware	if the mining he accounts.
	(b) At 31st March, 1977; the defened textsion balance of the Company	(c) Term k	oan (Great We	stem Ores) is a 74% 650.000 is payable or	snowed loan	of £150,000 per, 1977 and
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· ~4.	The Communication at cost of Valuation less accumulated depreciati	tion as follows	· ::			}
	21 277	31.12.71 £'000	31.12.72 £000	The Group 31.3,74 31.3,75 £'000 £'000		31.3.77 £'000
Statown Barrier Car		684 (386)	763 (480)	993 1,100 (700) (818)	1,306	1,897 (1,431)
Chari Buchilari Carl List	5,386 Surplus on valuation 1976 and 1977 6,200 Net book value	298	283	293 282	1,878	5,886
Commission of the commission o	BUILDINGS 140 Cost	86	87	94 108	129	6,352
9.94	ES Not been welve	(55)	(80) 27	(65) (70)	(76) ————————————————————————————————————	(84)
Converse to the	PLANT 3,139 Cost	2,318	2.392	2,516 2,698	2.975	3,243
200 60 mg (1)	1 557 Alabanana	1,651	1,570	(1,021) (1,120) 1,495 1,578		(1,517)
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Second 45	(65) Aggregate depreciation Net book value	65	65	(65) (65)		(65)
S. S	DEFERRED REVENUE EXPENDITURE Cost	· ·		41 41	41	41
Ted Layaben (eng.	Aggragate amortisation Net book value			· (10) (24)		(41)
Tea terror (era), Capito alcument Cop by almana, Cop alcument	7,938 TOTAL	2,045	1,945	1,848 1,915	3,837	8,134
12. 10 100 TORNING.	7,938 Fixed assets of the Company at valuation (see below) Fixed assets of Great Western Ores	•	_ 		3,726	7,938
	- at cost less depreciation 7,838			· •··	111	196
	The mining operations of the Company were valued by Mackay and Schnellmann Limited on 14th June, 1976 and 13th June, 1977, and these	operations,	at cost less de	sprecietion and alloc	3,837	8,134 ance of the
d to the religion on the	Valuations are reflected in the balance sheats at 31st March, 1976 and 1977 respectively. The valuations were made on the basis of existing use as a	(e) lovestrat		tern Ores at 31 st Marc	ch, 1977 was 2	£'000
	going concern and were based on 10 year discounted cash flows, using the following prices of the metal: The metal Valuation	Shares at Amounts	t cost, less amor receivable (inc	unts written off cluding loan £100,000		181
	\$\frac{\partial \text{finne} \text{ \text{\$\text{\$\text{fonne}}\$}}{\text{\$\exititt{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\texi\\$}\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\texititit{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$	(f) Capital c	ommitments at	31st March, 1977 wer	re ;	241
162 162 64 727 650 651	The "mining operations" comprise the whole of the fixed assets of the Company and these valuations have been reflected in the figures reported above by stating the buildings and plant, which form part of the mining	Contract Authoris	ed for but not p ed but not unde	rovideď	Froup The £'000 156 120	£'000 104 100
7	31,12,72	onths ended 31,3,74		3.75 31,3		ar ended 31,3,77
	SOURCE OF FUNDS. Profit/(loss) before texts from reported in (5) above (78)	7000 £'000 505	£'000 £'	-	0 00 £'0 131	1,539
- [[(Charges)/cradits which will not arise in future (see note 6 (a)) Extraordinary items before texation	(414) (65)		184) 104	(45)	(68)
= 1	Adjustment for items not involving movement of funds: Depreciation, net of graves 196	338	· ·	265 3	371	564
. <u> </u>	Total generated from operations 719 Generated from other sources: Investment and regional development	364			167	2,095
25 	grants received 220 Term loan received —	14	·	150	27	105
in the same	APPLICATION OF FUNDS Purchase of fixed assets less disposals 153	378 339	401	760 . 506	584 · 987	2,141
e committee e e Some se estate e e e	Dividends paid. Taxation paid (recovered) (124)	<u>=</u>	40 (12)	1	49	3
	29 310	339		ئے : . سب	75	1,490 651
	INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL Increase (decrease) in stocks and stores (3)	164	36	135	==4 36i	ومبيد
	Increase (decrease) in debtors Increase (decrease) in belences with Saint Piran	617 (14)	(459) 492	, 83 271	(25)	י מ
e de la companya de l	Decrease (increase) in creditors 99 (Movement in per liquid funds:	256) 473)	· 146	(277) (137)	(43: 554	B)
27 mm, 1985	Decreese (increese) in bank overdraft 54 (39		 ,	75 	651
8.	SUBSEQUENT CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	SHARE CAP			-	€'000
: <u></u> C	Since 31st March, 1977 the capital structure and reserves of the company have been reorganised as set out under Statutory and General from the structure (6.1). As a result of this reorganisation, part of the share			ares of 10p each	ta ta	2,000
Ci	apital of the Company is now owned by St. Piran Services Limited, a choly owned subsidiary of Saint Piran. The effect of the reorganisation	16,000,0	100 ordinary sha MIUM ACCOU	res of 10p each NT		1,500 2,400
on al	in the shareholders' funds of the Group at 31st March, 1977 (before llowing for the costs and expenses payable by the Company as detailed	GALULT RES	en v Eð			1,717

Info capit who allowing for the costs and expenses payable by the Company as detailed under Statutory and General Information (6.7) or for trading or other items since 31st March, 1977) is as follows:

Representing: 5,617 Share Cepital and Reserves at 31st March, 1977 less dividend to Saint Piran 7,117 **5,200** 1,917 add shares issued to St. Piran Services Limited for cash 5,617

9. ACCOUNTS No audited accounts of the Company or Great Western Ores have been prepared in respect of any period subsequent to 31st March, 1977, Yours faithfully, TURQUANDS BARTON MAYHEW & CO. Chartered Accountants

6. Statutory and General Information

- 6.1 SHARE CAPITAL corporated in England on 18th July, 1905 and its registered number is 88550.

 2. On 25th September, 1975 the authorised share capital of the Company was £250,000 divided into 500,000 ordinary shares of 25p each and 800,000 preferred ordinary shares of 125p each, of which 468,000 ordinary shares and 863,896 preferred ordinary shares

- of 124p each, of which 458,000 problems and a series of 124p each were consolidated and the 800,000 preferred ordinary shares of 125p each were consolidated and converted into 450,000 ordinary shares of 25p each.

 The sum of £13, being part of the amount standing to the credit of the reserves of the Company was capitalised and applied in paying up in full 52 new ordinary shares of 25p each which were allowed, credited as felly paid, to Saint Firan Limited ("Saint Firan").

 The authorised share capital of 1,000,000 ordinary shares of 25p each was consolidated into 500,000 ordinary shares of 50p each and then sub-divided into 2,500,000 ordinary shares of 10p each. consolidated into BOULUU cromary square of Dop scale and also delicated into 2,500,000 ordinary states of 100 sects.

 The authorised share capital of the Company was increased from £250,000 to £2,000,000 divided into 20,000,000 ordinary shares of 100 sects.

 4. On 28th September, 1977:—

 The Company paid a dividend of £5,200,000 to Saint Piran.

 5. On 27th September, 1977:—

 Sale Street section and £1,200,000 to the Company, thereby satisfying the loans

 - The Company paid a United to Execution 1977 :—

 Solik First repaid a loan of £1,200,000 to the Company, thereby satisfying the loans between the Company and Great Wastern Ores ("the Group") and Saint Piran and its other wholly owned substitution.

 - other wholly owned subsidiaries.

 6. On 28th September, 1977:

 St. Piran Services Limited ("Services"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint Piran.

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 St. Piran Services Limited ("Services"), a wholly owned subsidiary to the credit of the Company applied in the credit of the Share Premium Account of the Company, was cepitalised and applied in paying up in Share Premium Account of the Company, was cepitalised and applied in paying up in full 11,052,632 shares of 10p sect, which was allotted, credited as fully paid, to the cities also share sold by Services to Sebag (see Issue Americants below).

 6.2 SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

 The Company has one wholly owned subsidiary, Great Western Ores, which is a private company, incorporated in England on 20th Mayor, 1917 and whose issued share private as 666,000 divined into 85,000 critinary shares of £1 each.

 8.3 WORKING CAPITAL
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 8.4 ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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- 10p in nominal amount of shares of which he is the belger. A corporation being a
- 10p in nominal amount of shares of which he is the holder. A corporation being a member is deemed to be present in person if represented by proxy or in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts.

 2. The directors shall be entitled to remuneration at the rate of £1,000 per annum each, with an additional £500 per annum for the Chaman, and, such remuneration shall be deemed to accorde de die in diam. The Company may by ordinary resolution also vote each remuneration to the directors, or to any director, and either for one year or any langer or shorter period. The directors may repay to any director all such reasonable expenses as he may incur in extending and returning from meetings of the directors, or of committees of the directors, or general meetings or which he may otherwise incur in or about the business of the Company. Any director who holds any consultive office (including the office of Chalman or Deputy Chaiman, whether or not such office is held in an executive capacity), or who serves on any committee, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the directors are outside the coope of the ordinary duries of a director, may be paid such extra remonstration by way of exteny, committees or each wise as the directors may determine.

 3. The directors shall have the power to pay and agree to pay pensions of other
- commission or otherwise as the directors may determine:

 3. The directors shall have the power to pay and agree to pay pandons or other reintenent, superannuation, death or disability benefits in favour of any person including any director or former director or the relations, commissions of depondents of any director or former director who may hold or have held any executive office or any office or place of profit under the Company or any of its subsidiaries and for the purpose of providing any such pension or other benefits to contribute to any scheme of the angel of the pension of other benefits to contribute to any scheme
- purpose of providing any such pension or other bonelits to contribute to any scheme or fond or to pay premiums.

 4. Where standardments are under consideration concerning the appointment (including the arrangement or variation of the turns thereof, or the termination thereof) of two or more directors to offices or piaces of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested, a separate resolution may be put in relation to each discourt and in such case each of the director concerned shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment (or the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof) and except (in the case of an office or piace of profit with any such other company as aforesaid) where the other company is a company in which the director owns 1% or more of any class of the arrangement capital or of the voting rights available to standard of the Company.

 5. Save as otherwise provided in the Articles, a director shall not vote (not be counted in the quarum) on any exclusion of the directors in respect of any contact or arrangement in which he is to his knowledge materially interested, and if he shall do should necessarially on any of the following matters, namely:
- the shall not be counted, but this pronument and apply as one of the coordinates, namely —

 (i) any connect or unangement for giving to such director any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or obligations undertaken by him for the benefit of the Company;

 (ii) any connect or unangement for the giving by the Company of any escapity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company which the director has himself purenteed or secured in whole or in part;

 (ii) any connect or unangement by a director to underwise for shares, debendures or other securides of the Company issued or to be issued pursuant to any offer or invitation to Members or debenture holders of the Company or any class thereof or to the public or any section thessel, or to underwise any share, debentures or other securities of the Company;

- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which he is interested by writte of his interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company or by reacon of any other interest in or through the Company;

 (v) any contract or attangement concerning any other company (not being a company in which the disector owns 1% or more of any class of the equity share capital or of the voting rights available to members of the Company, in which he is interested directly or indirectly whother as an officer, shareholder, creditor or otherwise however;
- otherwise however;

 (vi) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a superintuation fund or intifement, death or disability benefits exheme which reletes both to directors and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not account to any directors as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to which such coheme or fund relates;

 (vii) any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries under which the director benefits in a similar manner as the
- 6. Where a company in which a director holds 1% or more of any class of the county share capital or of the coring rights available to members of the Company is materially interested in a transaction then that director shall also be deemed materially interested.

- interested in a transaction then that Grector shall also be deemed maranally interested in such transaction.

 7 This Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the proclaims of puragraphs 4, 5 and 6 to any extent or ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of those provisions.

 8. The directors may from time to time appoint any person to an office or employment having a designation or title actualing the word "director" but who shall not be entitled to sacrosso any of the powers or duties of the board or of any director.

 9. The directors chall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercise by the Company in relation to its subsidiary companies (if any) so as to secure (so far as by such restriction and exercise they can do so) that the aggregate amount for the time being remaining andischanged of all maneys borrowed by the Group (as therein defined) (exclusive of moneys borrowed by the Company from and for the time being owing to the Company or another such subsidiary) shall not at any time without the provious sanction of an Ordinary Resolution of the Company excessed an amount equal to twice the aggregate for time being of the amount paid up on the issued share capital of the Company and the amount standing to the credit of the consolidated capital and revenue, reserves (including any share promiting account, capital indemption reserve fund and credit balance on the consolidated point and loss account but deducting any doth balance on such account) of the Company and its subsidiaries for the time being, adjusted in the manner set out therein.
- the manner set out therein. 10. The statutory provisions as to an age limit for directors shall not apply.
- 6.5 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

 1. None of the directors of the Company or their respective farmines owns any shares in the Company.

- None of the directors of the Company or their respective families owns any shares in the Company.
 The aggregate annual emoluments of the directors of the Company and Great Western Ores for the year to 31st March, 1977 were £25,649. Under arrangements currently in force the aggregate emoluments of the directors for the year to 31st March, 1978 will be approximately £26,200.
 No director:—

 (a) is interested either directly or indirectly in the promotion of or in any assets which have been, within the two years proceding the date of this Offer for Sole acquired or disposed of by or leased to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or are proposed to be acquired, disposed of by or leased to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
 (b) is materially interested in any contract or arrangement which is significant in relation to the business of the Group taken as a whole.

 Apair from Mr. P. C. Buchshan and Mr. H. R. M. Hodding, each of whom is the beneficial owner of 2,000 ordinary shares in Saint Piran, no director of the Company has any interest, beneficial or otherwise, in the issued elarac capital of Saint Piran.
 On 14th July, 1976, Mr. G. C. Pengilly entered into a service agreement with the Company and Saint Piran to serve the Company and Great Western Ores as chief executive for a period of not less that 3 years from 1st April, 1976 and thereafter terminable as mentioned below, at an annual salary (subject to review) which is currently at the rate of £10,200 per annum inclusive of directors' fees, together with a commission at the rate of £10,200 per annum inclusive of directors' fees, together with a commission at the rate of £10,200 per annum inclusive of directors' fees, together with a commission at the rate of £10,200 per annum inclusive of directors' fees, together with a commission at the face of £10,200 per annum inclusive of directors' fees, together with a commission a
- 6.6 SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS 6.5 SUBSTANTIAL SHAREMOLDERS Immediately following this Offer for Sale, Saint Piran and, or its wholly owned subsidiaries will own 9,750,000 ordinary shares, representing 65% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company. As at the close of business on 23th September, 1977, there were no other holdings which represented 5 per cent or more of the issued share capital of the Company.
- 5.7 ISSUE ARRANGEMENTS
- Under contract No.4 below, Sebag has agreed, subject to the issued ordinary share capital of the Company being admixted to the Official List on or before 12th October,
- 1977.

 1. to purchase 6,250,000 ordinary shares of 10p each from Services at a price of 50p per share; and 2. to offer for sale to the public 5,250,000 ordinary shares of 10p each.

 The Company will pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the increase in and re-organisation of the share capital of the Company and the application for the liciting of the issued ordinary shares, the accountancy and its own legal expenses, a fee to the brokers, a fee to the geological and mining consultants, the cost of printing, advertising and circulating this Offer for Sale, the fees and expenses of the receiving bankers and registrars. The aggregate costs and expenses payable by the Company in respect of the Offer for Sale (including a fee of £88,000 to Sebag) are estimated to amount to £245,000. Sebag will pay its own legal expenses and an underwriting commission of 1½ per cent on the offer price of each share.
- commission of 1½ per cent on the offer price of each share.

 6.8 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

 The following Contracts (not being contracts in the ordinary course of business) have been entered into within the period of two years immediately preceding the date of this Offer for Sale and are or may be material:—

 1. Dated 14th July, 1976 between (1) Mr. G. C. Pengilly, (2) the Company and (3) Saint Firan, being the service agreement referred to under Directors' Interests above.

 2. Dated 22nd September, 1977 between (1) the Company and (2) Saint Firan, being an indemnity in respect of the obligations of Saint Piran under an Agreement dated 3rd June, 1874 between, interest also, (1) the Secretary of State for Industry, (2) Great Western Ores, (3) the Company and (4) Saint Firan.

 3. Dated 22nd September, 1977 between (1) South Crofty Properties Limited and (2) the Company, being an option to acquire centain land adjacent to the Group's properties.

 4. Dated 29th September, 1977 between (1) Saint Piran; (2) Services, (3) the Company and (4) Sebag, for the Offer for Sale by Sebag of 5,250,000 ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company.

- 6.9 GENERAL

 1. The directors have been advised that immediately following completion of this Offer for Sale the Company should not be a close company as defined in Section 282 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

 2. No sham or loan capital of the Company or Great Western Ores is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.

 3. No asset of shares will be made which would effectively after the control of the Company or nature of its business without prior approved of the Company in general meeting.

 4. No asset of the Company is general.
- holdings) will be made within one year from the date hereof without the prior appro of the Company in General Meeting.

 5. Save as disclosed herein:—

- of the Company in General Meeting.

 5. Save as disclosed herein:

 7. No share or loan capital of the Company or Great Western Ores has within the
 two years preceding the publicating of this Offer for Sale been issued or is proposed
 to be issued either for cash or otherwise.

 2. No commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted
 within the said two years by the Company or Great Western Ores in connaction
 with the Issue or sale of any pert of their respective share or loan capital.

 3. There are no contracts or arrangements of significance subsisting between the
 Company and its directors.

 6. Neither the Company nor Great Western Ores has any Bitgetion or claims of material
 importance pending or threatened against it.

 7. The directors have been advised that no material liability for esters doty or capital
 transfer tax is likely to fall thorn the Company or Great Western Ores as a result of
 transactions effected before this Offer for Sale
 relates will be received by the Company and no amount is required for any of the
 matters mendoned in puregraph 4 of the Fourth Schedule to the Companies Aut, 1948.

 9. The following are the texts of latters from Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co., the
 Reporting Accountants, and Sebag, the Brokens to the Group for the year ending 31st
 March, 1978;—

NAME

Accept IND

Lynton House, 7 Tavistock Square, Southernhay House, 36 Southernhay East, London WC1H 9LS

Exeter EX1 1LF 23th September, 1977

The Directors, South Crafty, Limited The Directors, Joseph Sebag & Co.

Gentlemen We have reviewed the accounting bases and calculations of the profit forecast of South Crofty. United and its subsidiary (for which the directors are solely responsible) for the year ending 31st March, 1978 contained in the Otler for Sale document to be dated 29th September, 1977.

In our opinion the forecast, so far as the accounting bases and calculations are concerned, has been properly compiled on the footing of the assumptions made by the directors as set out in the paragraph "Profits and Dividends" of the Offer for Sale document to be dated 29th September, 1977.

Yours faithfully.

TURQUANDS BARTON MAYHEW & CO.

3 Queon Victoria Street, London EC4N 8DX 29th September, 1977

The Directors, South Grafty, Limited

Gentlemen

We refer to the forecast of consolidated profits before taxetion for the year
ending 31st March, 1978 comained in paragraph "Profits and Disridends" of the
Offer for Sale document to be dated 29th September, 1977. We have discussed
the tonecast and the assumptions on which it is made with officers and executives
of your Company.

We have also considered the letter addressed to yourselves from Turquands
Barron Maybery & Co., concerning the accounting bases and calculations for
the profit forecast.

the profit foreast.

On the basis used by you and relying on the accounting bases reviewed by Turquands Barton Mayhow & Co., we have formed the opinion that the forecast of consolidated profits for the year ending 31st March, 1978 (for which you as Directors are colely responsible) has been made after due and careful enquiry.

Yours faithfully. For JOSEPH SEBAG & CO. A.C. GILMOUR

6.10 CONSENTS AND DOCUMENTS

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Tarquards Barton Mayherr & Co. have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this Offer for Sale with the inclusion therein of a copy of their Report and references thereth and a copy of their letter relating to the profit forecast in the form and context in which they are included.

Mackay and Schnellmann Limited have given and have not withdrawn their written context to the issue of this Offer for Sale with the inclusion therein of a copy of their Report and references to such Report and their valuations referred to in the Report of Turquands Barron Mayhew & Co. together with references to such valuations in the form and context in which they are included.

Joseph Sebag & Co. have given and have not writhdrawn their written consent to the issue of this Offer for Sale with the inclusion therein of the copy of their letter relating to the profit forecast in the form and context in which it is included.

6.11 DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR IMSPECTION

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Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the offices of Joseph Sebag & Co., Bucklersbury House, 3 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N BOX and at the offices of Titmuss, Sainer & Webb, 2 Serjeants' Inn, London EC4Y 1LT during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and Public Holidays excepted) for a period of fourteen days following the date of publication of this Offer for Sale:—

1. The Metanial Contracts Based above.

2. The audited accounts of the Group for the two years ended 31st March, 1977.

3. The Report, Statements of Adjustments and letter of Turquands Barton Mayhow & Co.

4. The valuations of Macket and School Report.

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- 4. The valuations of Mackay and Schnellmann Limited referred to in the Report of Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co.

 5. The Report of Mackay and Schnellmann Limited referred to above.

 6. The written consents referred to above.

 7. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

 8. The letter written by Sebag to the directors of the Company referred to above.

 The above mentioned consents, the statements of adjustments made by Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co., in articing at the figures set out in their Report and the reasons therefor and copies of the Contracts listed above have been attached to a copy of this Offer for Sale and delivered to the Registers of Companies for registration.

 Deter 19th Secretables 1927.

Dated 29th September, 1977 7 How to apply

Applications must be made on the application form provided and be for a minimum of 200 shares, thereafter in multiples of 100 shares up to 2,000 shares, and thereafter in multiples of 1,000 shares up to 20,000 shares. Applications in excess of 20,000 shares must be in multiples of 6,000 shares. Each application must be accompanied by a separate cheque for the full amount payable on application and be forwarded to National Westminster Bank Limited, New Issues Department, PO 8ox No. 79. Drapers Gardens, 12 Throgmorons Avenue, London EC2P 2BD to arrive not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th October, 1977. Cheques, which must be drawn on a bank in and be payable in England. Scotland or Wales, must be made payable to National Westminster Bank Limited and be crossed "Not Negotiable". All cheques are liable to be presented for payment on receipt. The due completion and delivery of the application form accompanied by a cheque will constitute a legally enforceable promise that the cheque will be honoured on first presentation and attention is drawn to the declaration on the application form to this effect. Joseph Sebeg & Co. reserve the right to retain all letters of acceptance and surplus application monopy ponding clearance of all chaques reject any application and in particular, to reject multiple or suspected multiple applications.

Preferential consideration will be given (up to an aggregate maximum of 500,000 shares) to applications, which must be for 200 shares and thereafter in multiples of 100 shares up to 2,000 shares and thereafter in multiples of 1,000 shares up to a maximum of 20,000 shares, received on the special pink Application Forms available to employees of the Company or Great Western Ores (including full time employee directors) but not or other directors of the Company, Great Western Ores, Seint Piran or Services or their families or family trusts.

Acceptance of applications will be conditional upon the whole of the Issued share capital of the Company being admitted to the Official List by the Council of The Stock Exchange on or before 12th October, 1977, Moneys paid in respect of all applications will be returned if such admission to the Official List is not obtained by that date and in the meantime will be reteined by National Westminster Bank Limited in a separate account.

If any application is not accepted, the amount paid on application will be returned in full; if any application is accepted for fawer shares than the number applied for a cheque for the balance of the amount paid on application will be returned, in each case

cheque for the belence of the amount petd on application will be returned, in each case by post at the applicant's risk.

Arrangements have been made for the registration by the Company, Iree of stamp duty, of the ordinary stares now being offered in the names of the persons emitted thereto under the terms of letters of acceptance which will be renounceable up to and including 18th November, 1977. Share certificates will be despatched on 16th Decamber, 1977.

Copies of this Offer for Sale incorporating an Application Form may be obtained from the

Joseph Sebag & Co. Bucklersbury House National Westminster Bank Limited New Issues Department P.O. Box No. 79

Drapers Gardens
-12 Throgmorton A
London EC22BD Barclays Bank Limited Bardaya Bank Limited Agar Road Illogan Highway Pool Redruth Market Jew Street Penzance ComwallTR182TW

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#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

group, Pontin's, puts the latest venture into sun heating firmly

factory in Cornwall. Such panels were already used, so the annual meeting a year ago was told, to heat the Barton Hall camp

Bank Base

Rates

First London Secs . . 7%

C. Hoare & Co .... *7%

London & M'reautile 7%

Midland Bank .... 7%

Nat Westminster .. 7%

Rossminster Acc's .. 7%

Shenley Trust .... 91%

TSB ..... 7%

Williams and Glyn's 7%

\$ 7 day deposits on sums of \$10,000 and under 3%, up to \$25,000, 4%, over \$25,000, 4%.

MINERALS AND RESOURCES COMPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the forty-eighth annual general meeting of members of Minerals and Resources Corporation Limited will be held at The Bank of Bermuda Building. Front Street. Hamilton, Bermuda, at 11h15 on Wednesday, 28th October, 1977, for the following business:

To receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports of the directors and of the auditors for the year ended.

3. To fix the remuneration of the

auditors and to appoint auditors for the ensuing year.

4. Special business: To consider and, if deemed fit, to pass, with or without modification, the following resolution, namely:

"That the action of the direc-tors of the corporation in trans-farming an amount of USS26 million from the share premium account to meet a deholt arising on an extraordinary item be berety approved."

A member entified to attend and one at the meeting is entified to populat another member as his proxy

London Office : 40 Holborn Viaduck ECIP 1AJ Registered Office :

Revedere Building, Pitts Bay Road, Pombroke, Bermuda. Postal Address: P.O. Bay 650, Hamikon 5, Bermuda. 29th September, 1977.

NORTH EAST COAST

**SHIPREPAIRERS** 

LIMITED

650,000 63% Cumulative

Preference Shares

of £1 each

At a Board Meeting held on

6th September, 1977 it was

resolved that the preference

dividend which would other-

wise become payable at 30th

September, 1977 on 650,000

61% Cum. Pref. Shares, should

This decision was reached hav-

ing regard to the adverse

trading conditions experienced

29th September, 1977

B. WRIGHT Company Secretary

not be paid.

by the Company.

in his stead.

nd and, on a poll, to vote

By Order of the Board D. F. Eilis,

301h June, 1977. To elect directors.

Lloyds Bank ..... 7

Barclays Bank ... Consolidated Credits 8%

last March from the largest rin's reported the acquisition of independent holiday camp the 49 per cent of Solar Apparatus and Equipment (as well as Spenceheat) not already owned.

has a patented solar panel the lack of it as long as Sir which last November it was about to mass produce. Shareholders will probably and abroad perfecfly happy. He can hardly be wrong in writing:
"all the present indications are that the group will enjoy another very successful season

## **APV** plus Hall equals £7.6m

APV Holdings, who recently bought Hall Thermotank reports a rise in pre-tax pro-fits from £5.5m to £7.6m. Hall Thermotank, who was not part

of APV last year, made a con-tribution of £1.2m pre-tax. This was before deducting the interest amounting to £317,000 on the convertible unsecured loan stock issued as part of the buying price.

Turnover of this Crawley-based group which is a holding company for processing and heat-transfer equipment, rose from £58.5m to £98.6m in the six months to j une 30. Earnings a share are 24.7p against 2p and the directors have declared an interim dividend of 6.2p gross compared with 5.4p. It is also proposed to make a scrip issue on the basis of one-for-one.

In 1976, turnover of APV climbed from £98.1m to £137.4m and prestax profits rose from 19.19m to a record £12.6m. Back in April, Mr P. Selig-man, the then chairman, said that market recovery with a few exceptions remained uncertain, but there was a modest recovery in some countries and certain industries.

Mr H. Benson; who has re-cently been appointed chair-man, says the group was ex-pecting to achieve higher in-voiced sales and profits for the second half but is suffering some reduction in the United Kingdom due to industrial

Sun shines on Pontin's | Dividend hope at new look PMA

of £169,000 from the sale of

six months to June 30. Turn-

over rose 3.4 per cent to £3.8m.

£339,000, but they will "compare favourably' with earlier

and advises chareholders to take

no action on any documents

21 per cent in the group. Other big holders were Dunstan Trust

Nominees with 12.86 per cent, and Mr and Mrs G. P. Theobald,

who had 11.7 per cent.

£1m expansion

Wadham Stringer in

Moran Tea rejects

Buxa-Dooars bid

Moran at £1.4m.

Net profits were £182,000, and

is left of the year.

group will return to dividends this year. Mr Malcolm Meredith chairman, joined the group with a new management team in February, 1976, and he hand, pre-tax profits went up 41 per cent to £372,500 in the has since brought the group from a loss of 5611,000 for 10 months trading to March 31, 1976, to a profit of £62,000 the following year.

The first quarter of the current year has seen the worst of the slump for the furniture trade, but PMA did

better than a yea rearlier.

Given that the inclusive is past the worst, "it is possible "that PMA wiff beat its record pre-tax profit for the full year.

The previous best was achieved in a previous best was a previous best was a previous and the previous best was a previous best was a previous best was a previous and the previous best was a previous best was The previous best was achieved six years ago. The board hopes to pay a small

Since the year end in March the group's shake-up has con-tinued with the sale of Lloyds Packing Warehouses for 240,000. The group then bought up two fibreglass companies, to create an important contract forniture unit.

Bumper year seen at F. H. Tomkins

Mr Gerald Garman, Chairman of engineers F. H. Tomkins, told the Annual Meeting that the group is expanding its sales in spite of acute competition in spite of active compension in every activity and that profit margins are being squeezed. However, he is confident that profits for the 6 months will show a satisfactory improvement over the record £520,000 made in the record £520,000. made in the same period. last year. He sees no reason why this trend should not be maintained for the rest of the year.

The group nearly exceeded 1.5m pre-tax in the year just past and he will be "extremely disappointed" if the group does not break through this barrier

Hoskins & Horton up 41 pc but trade bad

The works at Hoskins & Horton, the Birmingham-based civil engineering, hospital equip-ment maker and builder, had little to do in the second quarter of this year. The recession has continued into the third

Hopes are high at PMA quarter but now the signs are gears group, told the annual Holdings that this furniture for "useful activity" for what meeting that the board will continue to press ahead with

Including an exceptional item plans for modernization. Business in general continues to be difficult with orders hard to come by, although the com-pany's plants have "reasonable loads" for some distance ahead. In view of "the extended withfor the full year the board thinks that profits may be lower drawal" of a small number of employees which led to extensive lay-offs from the large than the 1975 record of motor works in Norwich during April and May, planned growth of profits for the current fin-ancial year "must be deferred to the second half ". A new integrated sheet metal

plant, part of a £3m capital investment programme, is to be opened on November 24. Good response to

The shares of Moran Tea jumped 129p yesterday on news of a bid from Buxa-Dooars Tea. The offer is £4 a share and the shares went to f4.10 each. The bid values ICL share scheme The first offer to employees of ICL of share options under The Moran board is " not prepared to recommend this offer

the new savings related share option scheme went well. One million ordinary shares they may receive.

At the start of this year John Sissmore, the Moran secretary and agent, had a stake of over were allocated to the first offer, made on August 25 at 201p a share. The option price was 90 per cent of the market price and applications totalled over 1.8m shares from 3,675 employees. This represents 30.8 per cent of the 11,926 eligible employees.

This rate of response understood to be substantially higher than other industrial company has experienced on the introduction of a scheme For a total ourlay of about f1.1m Wadham Stringer and the Skelly Group have agreed the sale to Wadham of Skellys (Merseyside).

This acquisition is important for Wadham because it effects of this kind.

Confidence at

Macarthys

Wadham because it extends As a measure of its confidence in the future, the board of Macarthys Pharmaceuricals its geographical coverage into the North-west and also intro-duces a Ford main dealership of Macaren's Pharmaceurcus has in hand a mumber of developments requiring substantial investment. So reported Sir Hugh Linstead, the chairman, at the amnual meeting. Savory and Moore is following a policy of careful acquisition of calestad marginaries. The groun for the first time.

Skellys intends to use the money from the sale to concentrate its investment in its Scottish interests where they are Ford and Vauxball main selected pharmacies. The group has undertaken a major invest-Dispute slows down

Laurence Scott

Mr P. M. Tapscott, chairman of the Laurence Scott electrical machinery and control

machinery and con

# Interest charges cut Wimpey interim rise

By Victor Felstead

The latest interim figures from the George Wimpey construction group were at the lower end of the market's range of estimates so the shares fell a few pence. But they re-covered most o fthis later on.

Operating profits showed a gain of 29.2 per cent to £19m in the first half of this year. However, last year's interest credit of £1.3m gave way to a £1.5m charge this time. The result was that pre-tax profits were only 9.37 per cent ahead at £17.5m. Market estimates were from £17.5m to £22m.

However many still expect E48m to E50m pre-tax for 1977, against last year's record Mr.R. B. Smith, chairman.

the change in interest receiv-able and payable.



Mr R. B. Smith, chairman, ex- dard accounting practice No 9. runds in property purchases and development, many of which have not reached the income-producing stage, is reflected in the change in interest. ceased to drop in the past few monds, though margans are thin. The maintenance of He points out that the results are not strictly comparable. Those for 1976 do not reflect the change of accounting procedure under statement of stan-

# Brown Bros Auth jump 72 pc in first half

Reporting a rise of more than swo-thirds in interior profits Brown Brothers Corporation is cheerful about the year as well With sales up by 147 per centro £31.95m, pre-tax phofic jumped by 72 per cent p £1.29m for the first half Mr E. G. Spearing, chairman

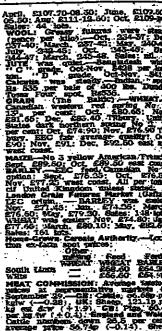
says the group will continue in Says the group was contrain in development, plans for the motor divisions of the majo-distribution company, it expect the "present satisfactor; trends" so contains.

The export side expected to do well. With the manufacturing companies of harget for the year. 1972 results are expected to be "well ahead" of 1976. These wer £1.9m pre-tax.
The board intends to pay the maximum dividend allowed for

this period.
This would be 2.41p gro compared with 1.46p for 1976 As far as the distribution sid of the group is concerned, th chairman reported that scheduled reduction in volume of non-motor product radio, television and domesti apphances, was acceleran

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# Gen Telephone growing more slowly now

The General Telephone and Electronics Corporation is about to complete a good third quarter, and earnings for the whole of 1977 are expected to be substantially above 1976

results, according to Mr.
Theodore Brophy, chairman.
However, Mr. Brophy said
that second-half growth "may
slow down somewhat " from the
14 per cent rise in first-half earnings, after the elimination of currency translation gains.
In the first half of this year, GTE reported net income applicable to common stock of \$251.5m (about £148m). This was up from \$180.9m a year

The translation of the Moet Hennessy results of GTE's Canadian tele phone subsidiaries into United States dollars caused an in-crease in 1977 first-half results a decrease in first-half 1976 earnings.

Mr Brophy said that 1978 should be "a good growth year for GTE". The company expects American gross national product overall to rise by about 3.5 per cent next year, but some of the areas impor-tant to GTE such as housing starts and consumer spending are expected to do better than

Mr Brophy made his comments in London where he is here to address a meeting of institutional investors. Other GTE officials have been addressing groups of institutional investors in Europe.

International The chairman predicted continued strong growth in world-wide demand for telecommuni-

cations equipment, with much of this new demand coming from outside the United States. He said that worldwide telecommunications investment is currently running at about \$30,000m a year and that in the next 10 years, that amual investment should double.—AP-Dow Jones.

Shareholders in Moet-Hen-

nessy, the champagne pro-ducer, have authorized the board to float convertible debentures up to a maximum of 160m francs (about £19.5m). The operation will have to be carried out before September, 1978. The debentures will be converted at the rate of one ordinary share of 50 francs nominal for one debenture. Shareholders also approved a change in the company's fiscal year which will in future end-in December instead of June.

Swissair option

Briefly

Half-time slip

with an option to acquire two bearer shares, at the rate of one note for every 30 shares held! Swissair said that details of the terms would be indicated in the prospectus to be made available to shareholders later.

Toshiba sees decline

Shibaura Electric (Toshiba) of Tokyo expects net earnings in the half-year ending September and the year to next March to decline, as foreign exchange losses pile up and prospects for economic recovery Mr Yamada, Director of Financial Affairs, says.

Toshiba, which plans to issue a S50m (about £29.4m) 15-year convertible bond in Europe this autumn, estimates that its parent company's only net profit in the six months to September 30 will fall about 10 per cent.

Singer sale

The Singer Company of America has announced the sale of its controlling stock interest in Doubinski Freres, SA, a European furniture manu-Swissair option

Swissair has announced an option issue. It will offer to its shareholders on October 27November 4 to raise 37.6m Swiss

Swissair option

facturing operation, to Sociéte Rochefortaise des Produits Alimentaires, SA, a French group with headquarters in Paris. The sale, for which a loss

current holders of its registered or bearer shares would be offered the 1,000-franc notes, with an option to acquire the continue certain product its continue ce by the company to be either unprofitable or peripheral to its continuing businesses. Singer continues as a leading manu-facturer of bedroom and dining room furniture in the United

Northrop redemption

Northrop Corp of Los Angeles has called for the redemption on December 1 of its outstanding 44 per cent convertible subordinated debentures. The redemption price will be \$1,033.38 (about £588,000) for each \$1,000 principal amount. Holders who convert will receive 60 shares of Northrop common for each \$1,000 principal amount.

Borel's bigger loss

Jacques Borel International, the operator of a chain of res-taurants and hotels has reported a first-half loss of 60m francs (about £6.8m) against a loss of 983,000 francs a year earlier. Sales rose to 938m francs from 732m. The company attributes the loss mainly to its hotel divi-sion, to its Belgian activities and to Seorim, its engineering unit. The present plan to restructure the group and cut down costs is expected to lead to profits and financial equilibrium.

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## Wall Street

New York, Sept 29:—Prices headed higher in active trading on the New York Stock Exchange today in response to the Commerce Department's report of a 0.8 per contrise in the August Index of leading economic indicators.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.52 at 837.24 shortly before 11 am. First-hour volume was about 5.3m shares. Zenith continued to slide, down 1 at 134. The company did not

at 124. The company did not rule out more layoffs beyond those of about 5,600 amounced this week.

Mobil Corp, which forecastlower third-quarter earnings, eased

to 62!. Mattel Inc jumped 2 to

New York Sept 28.—Prices on the New York Stock-Exchange closed narrowly lower in light trading The Dow Jones industrial aver-age fell 1.13 to 834.72. Declines led advances by about 708 to about 610.

about 610. Cocoa gains 1.45c

New York, Sept 38.—COCOA prices closed a Labriguet session 1.45 to 1.15 cents higher. Volume totalited 70.1 lots, including 3.14 switches. The market was supported throughout by light trade, arbitrage buring and onsetby some light manufactury price fixing, dealers said. Det. 179.50c; July. 138.40c; Sept. 143.55c; Dec. 137.35c. Spots; Ghana and Bahla unquoted. COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract good 5.50 cents up to 1.00 cent down. Seed: 145.00-9.00c; Dec. 140.00-1.00c.
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COPPER.—Futures closed very steady.

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An. 56.70c; March. 57.60c; May.

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Joc. 61.60c; Jan. 62.00c; March.

John: May. 55.80c; July. 64.70c.

BIGAR.—Futures in No. 11 contract

were: Oct. 6.44-40c; Jan. 7.83-8.60c;

March. 8.20-23c; May. 8.88-72c; July.

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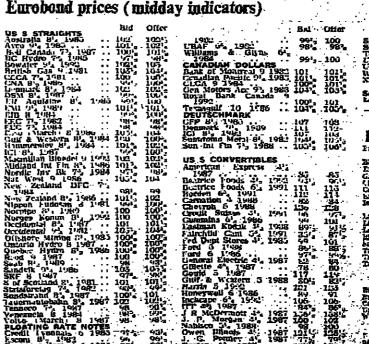
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#### **FPA CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED**

The Directors announce that the unaudited results of the Group for the six ths ended 30th June 1977, are as follows.

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23,624	TURNOVER	11,698	12,696	
415	GROUP PROFITS BEFORE TAX	197	207	
237	TAXATION	112	113	
178	GROUP PROFITS AFTER TAX	85	89	
	DIVIDENDS	40	40	

MAIN POINTS FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR. B. J. WARD.

- * Group has maintained its recovery.
- * Group is reasonably well placed to take advantage of any improvement in the industry.
- Contracting Division has a substantial outstanding order book.
- * Reduction of borrowings in the order of £700,000.
- Strengthened financial position.

# but orders good at FPA

Despite the many problems in the buiding industry, Mr Bryan J. Ward, chairman of Sheffieldbased FPA Construction, says the group has maintained its recovery with pre-tax profits only slightly down 5 per cent to £197,000 in the six n.onths to June 30, Turnover fell from £12.7m to £11.7m.

Contracting is the mainstay of the group and this division has a substantial order book, Mr Ward states. However, uncertainty surrounds the volume of orders which will be secured over the next six months and the influence that this will have on the pattern of trading in 1978.

The construction industry has always been cyclical, but the duration and severity of the present depression is such that the ability to respond quickly to any upturn in the economy becomes more difficult. How-ever, the board believes that the group is reasonably well placed to take advantage of any improvement-

DALE WINS HOUCEIN Dale Electric International, the Yorkshire generating set manufac-turer, now controls more than half the shares of Houchin, following its agreed £4.7m takeover bid.

TURNER & NEWALL Turner & Newall's agreed offer for Storey Brothers has been accepted for S8 per cent of the capital. Offer unconditional and extended until further notice.

AFRSPRUNG GROUP Reporting higher sales and profits for first half-year, board views rest of 1977 with "cautious optindsn ". Shares traded the counter market over

#### Foreign Exchange

Sterling and other Continental currencies progressed at the cropense of the dollar on foreign exchanges yesterday. The pound rose five points to \$1.7450. Its highest closing level against the dollar for more than a year. But sterling cheapened slightly against major Continentals, and the effective exchange rate index finally slipped 0.1 to 62.3.

Dealers reported a steady interest for sterling, and thought that the Bank of England had probably taken in \$50m or so for the reserves.

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The Swiss franc continued to strengthen appreciating from 2.3505 to 2.3415 in dollar terms.

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#### Discount market Lending on an extremely large

scale by the Bank of England to the discount market yesterday was split into a moderate sum for seven days and a very large sum overnight. Eight or nine houses took these loans at MLR (6 per The shortage of credit was on a

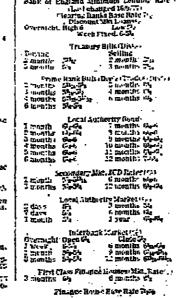
lesser scale than Wednesday's, but still severe enough to keep rates in the 6-57 per cent area for most of the session. There was some easing at the finish, so that books were mostly ruled off at the 5:5; per cent band.

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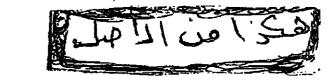
Treasury bills were still trading on a quote of \$2.5-\$16 per cent. close to the point that would trigger the market formula for dropping MLR another quarterpoint. The Bank took the opportunity to relaforce the signal it put out on Wednesday. This time the bank indicated that it does not wish to see any further fall in short-term interest rates for the time being, and, in particular, does not wish to see any fall in MLR at the tender today.

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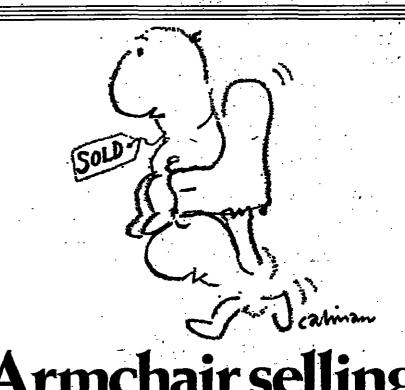
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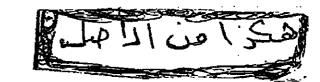
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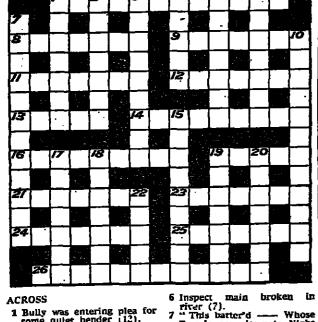
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